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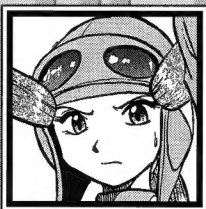
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Flannery

Currently facing a difficult battle against Team Aqua's Shelly to gain control of Kyogre.



Winona

Sapphire's Master Trainer. She has rushed to aid Flannery and Wattson.



Brawly

Together with Wallace and Roxanne, currently fighting the members of the Three Fires.



Roxanne

Currently fighting the Team Magma members who want Groudon to triumph.



Wallace

Ruby's Master Trainer. He has gone to help control Groudon.

Ruby

Sapphire

Our Story So Far...

The natural disasters being caused by Legendary Pokémon Groudon and Kyogre continue to spread throughout the Hoenn region. Ruby and Sapphire head down to the Seafloor Cavern to confront Team Magma Leader Archie, the evil masterminds responsible for the chaos. Turns out, the two leaders are now being controlled by...

...the Red Orb and the Blue Orb they were using to control the Legendaries. A fierce battle breaks out between the four of them. They are engulfed in two bursts of energy and pulled towards Groudon and Kyogre before the battle is decided...

Meanwhile, the Gym Leaders gather their strength to stop the Legendary Pokémon—but the situation gets worse when Team Aqua and Team Magma show up! Finally it becomes clear where the two Pokémon are headed—to Sootopolis City, the mystical place where history slumbers and the two are said to have fought in ancient times! Once there, the battle between the two Legendary Pokémon begins again, and everyone begins to converge on them...



Steven

The strongest Pokémon League Champion.



Wally

Ruby's friend. Currently at the Sky Pillar being trained by Norman.



Norman

Ruby's father. Currently at the Sky Pillar training Wally.



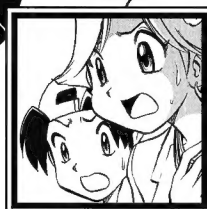
Archie

The leader of Team Aqua, whose mind has been taken over by Kyogre.



Maxie

The leader of Team Magma. His mind has been taken over by Groudon.



Gabby and Ty

Two journalists in hot pursuit of the truth.



Pokémon Association President

The Executive Leader of the Hoenn Disaster Countermeasure Team



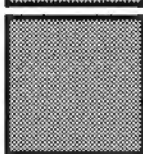
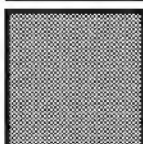
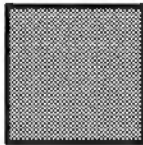
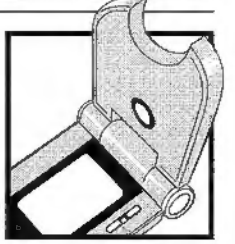
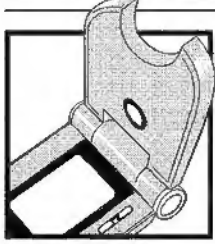
Wattson

After his defeat by Team Aqua's Admin Amber, he plunged into the sea...

SAPPHIRE

TRAINERS OF THE FOURTH CHAPTER

RUBY


SAPPHIRE ● AGE 10

RUBY ● AGE 11


A wild Trainer whose dream is to challenge and defeat every single Gym Leader in the Hoenn region!!

A Trainer who wants to be the champion of all the Pokémon Contests. Visual beauty is a priority for Ruby. He has zero interest in Pokémon Battling. But does he secretly have a talent for it...?


CHIC ● BLAZIKEN ♀

Introverted. Uses fire-type moves.

MUMU ● SWAMPERT ♂

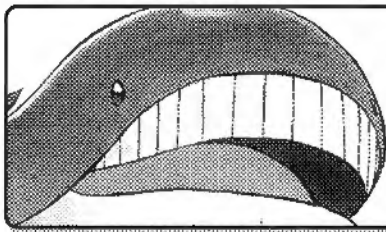
A Pokémon given to Ruby by Professor Birch. Easygoing. Represents Toughness.


RONO ● LAIRON ♂

Mischievous. Proud of his toughness. Its favorite move is Take Down.

NANA ● MIGHTYENA ♀

Intense. Represents Coolness.


LORRY ● WAILORD ♂

Bold. Sapphire rides the waves on Lorry's back.

KIKI ● DELCATTY ♀

Naive. Represents Cuteness.


PHADO ● DONPHAN ♂

Befriended by Sapphire at Mauville City. Hasty nature.

FOFO ● CASTFORM ♀

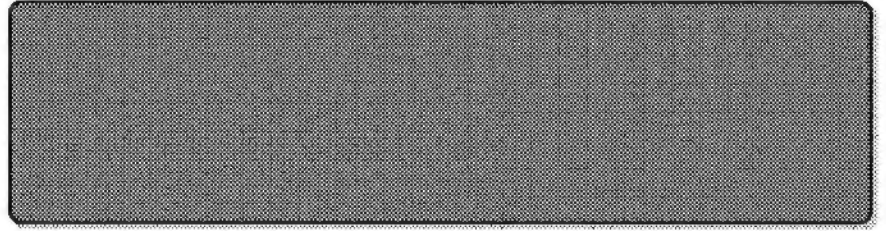
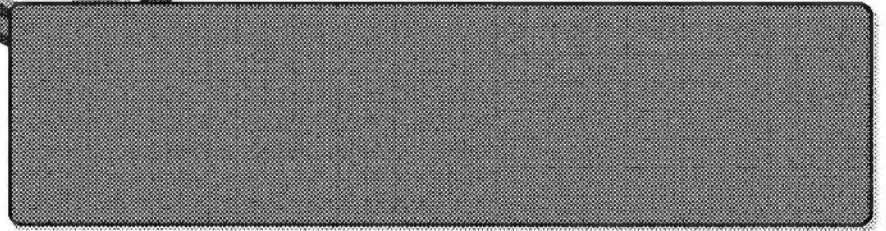
Changes form in response to weather changes. Cautious.


TROPPI ● TROPIUS ♂

Sapphire flies through the air on Troppy's back. This calm Pokémon usually stays outside its Poké Ball.


RELLY ● RELICANTH ♂

Has the power to take people with it to the very depths of the ocean. Hardy natured.



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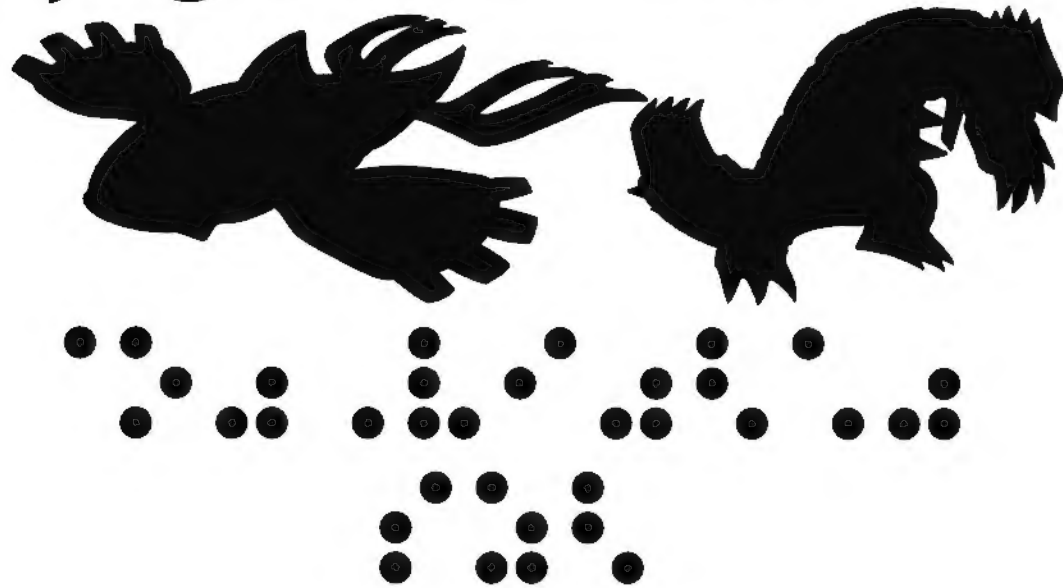
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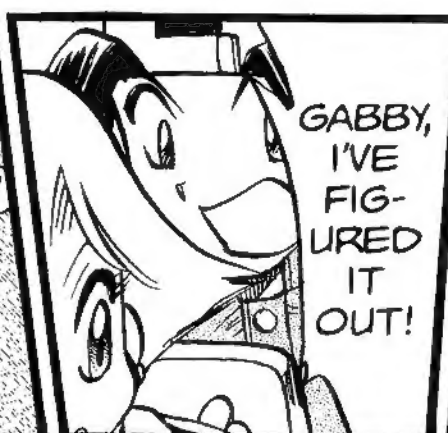
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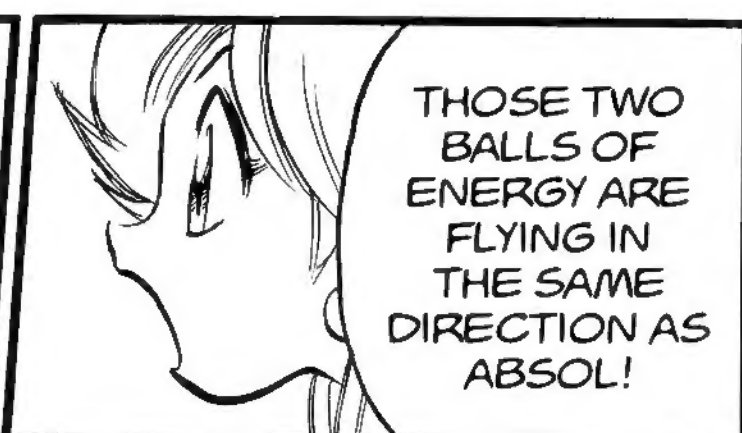
The Fourth Chapter



ABSOL
IS
HEADING
FOR...



GABBY,
I'VE
FIG-
URED
IT
OUT!



THOSE TWO
BALLS OF
ENERGY ARE
FLYING IN
THE SAME
DIRECTION AS
ABSOL!

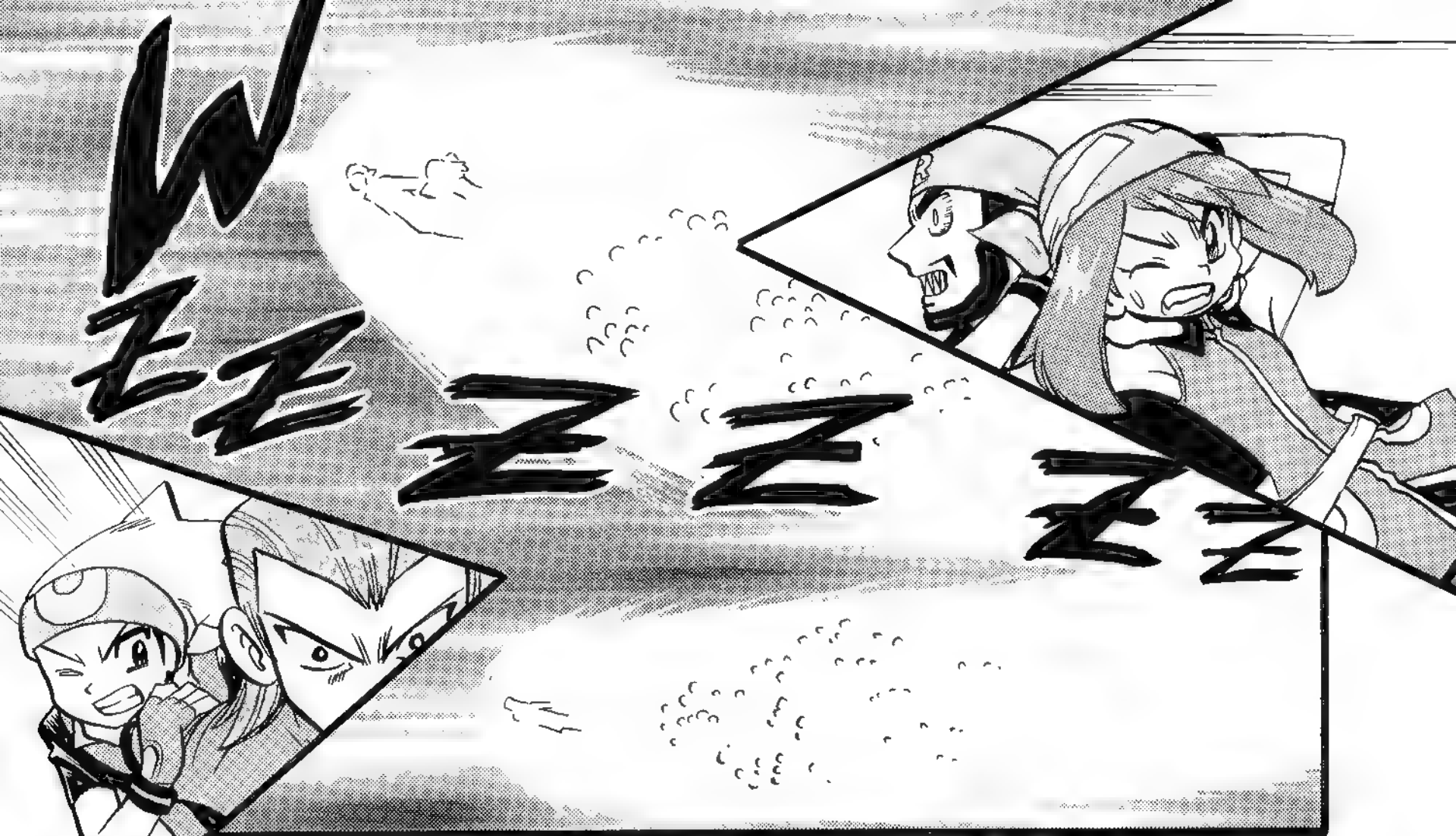


THE CITY
IN THE
CRATER
OF A
VOLCANO...

...THE
MYSTICAL
CITY
WHERE
HISTORY
SLUM-
BERS!



...SOOTOPOLIS
CITY!



THEN WE
WERE RIGHT!
THIS IS WHERE
THE TWO
LEGENDARY
POKÉMON
ARE GOING
TO DUEL!



IT'S
THE TOWN
RIGHT IN THE
SPOT WHERE
THE HEAT WAVE
AND TIDAL
WAVE WILL
COLLIDE!

WARN THE
POKÉMON
ASSOCIATION
PRESIDENT
AND
CAPTAIN
STERN!

TY!
CONTACT
BAGOON!

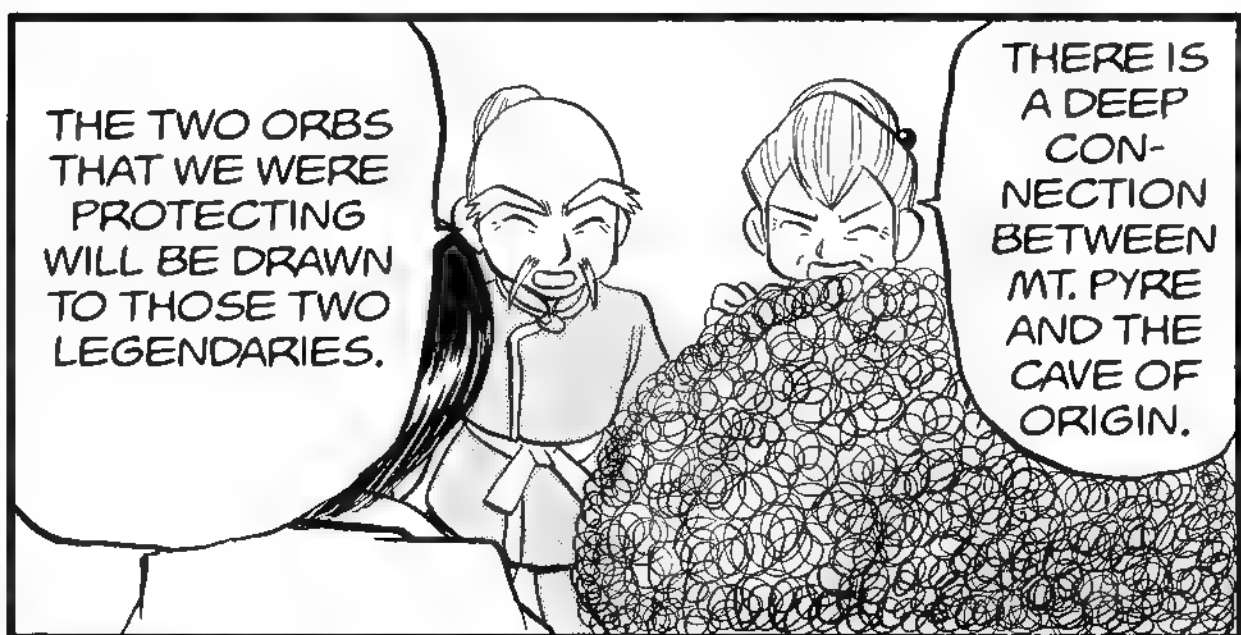
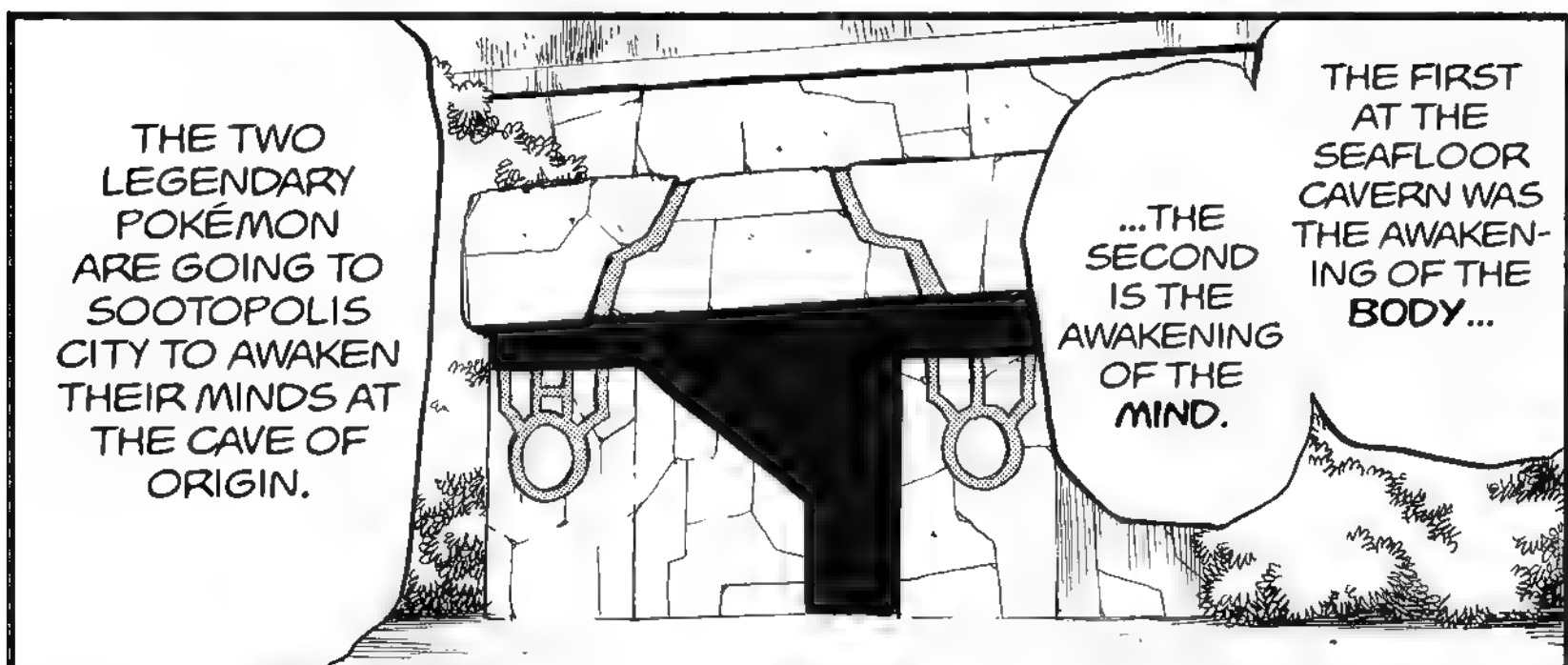
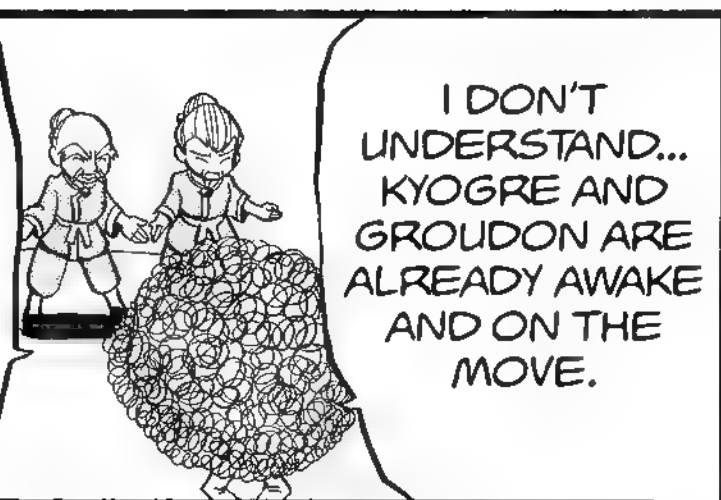
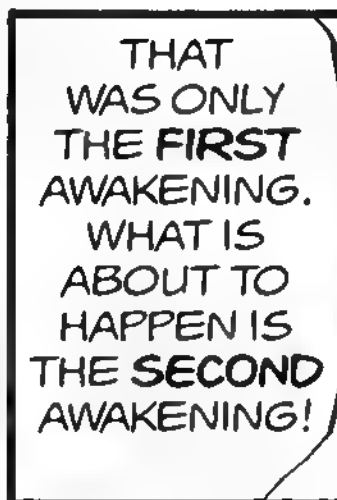
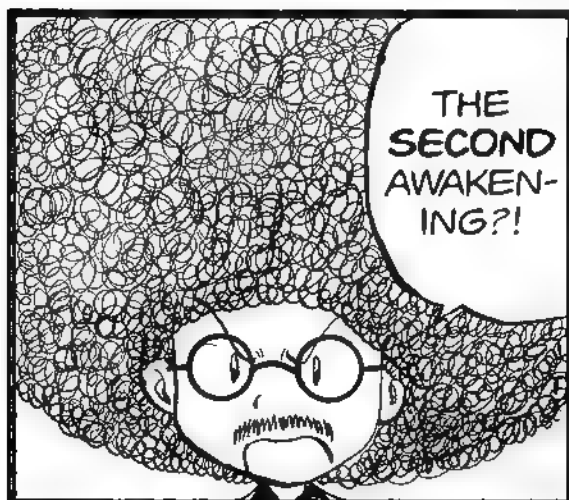
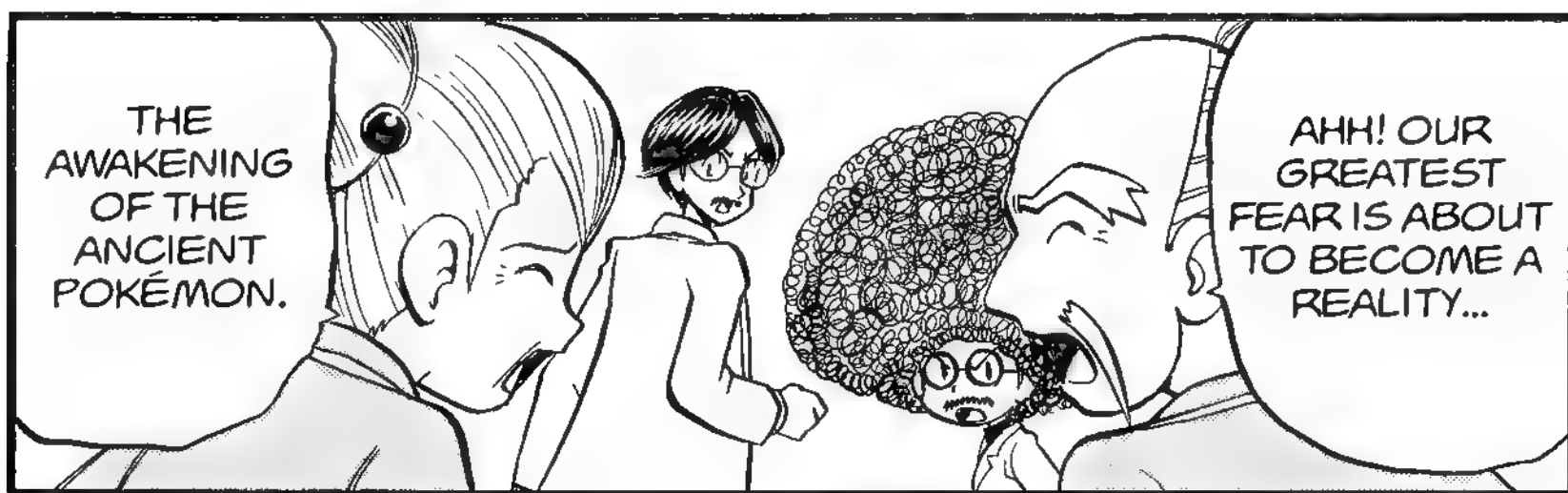
THEY'RE
IN
DAN-
GER!

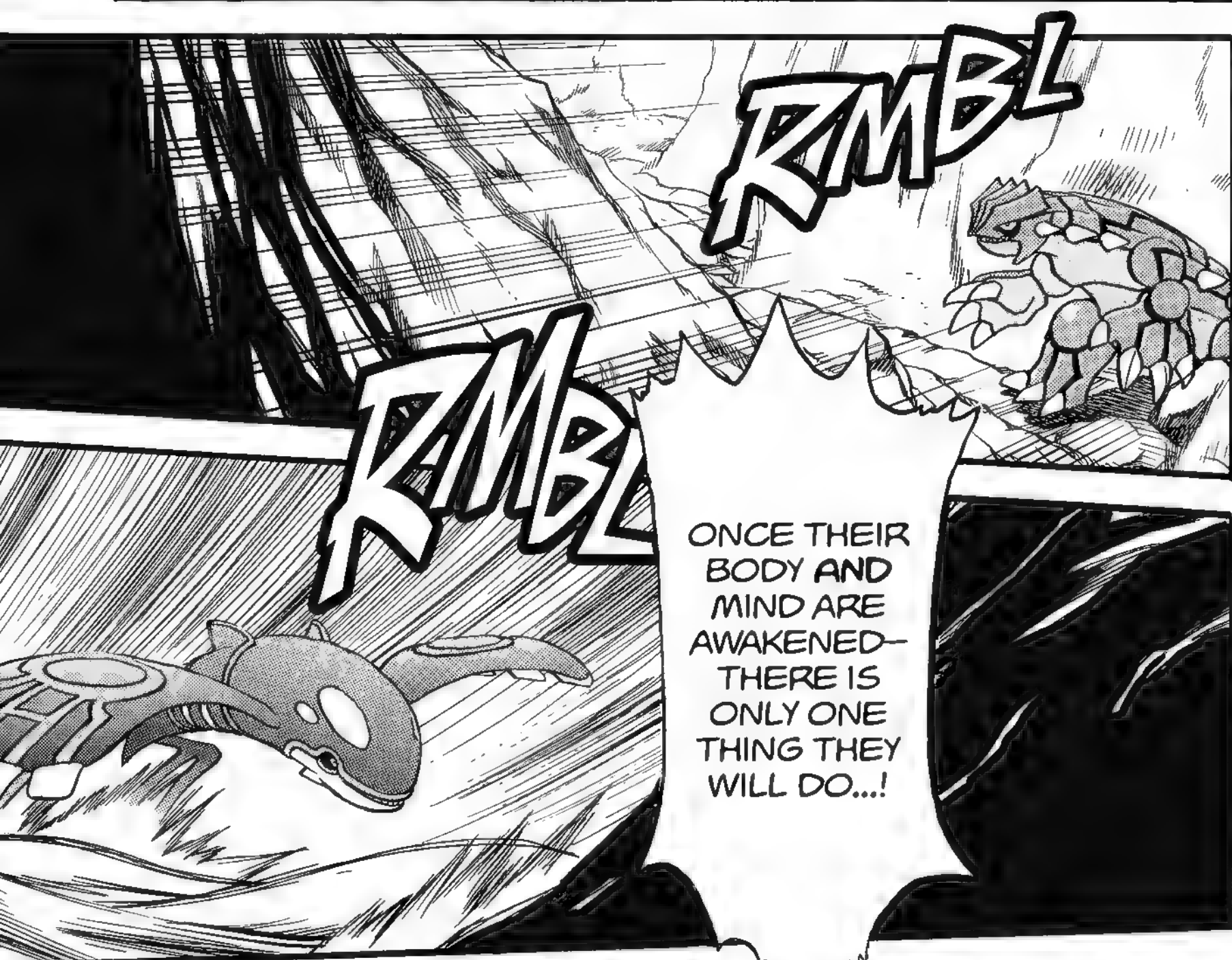
THE ENERGY
BALLS THAT
CAPTURED
RUBY AND
SAPPHIRE ARE
HEADING THAT
WAY TOO!

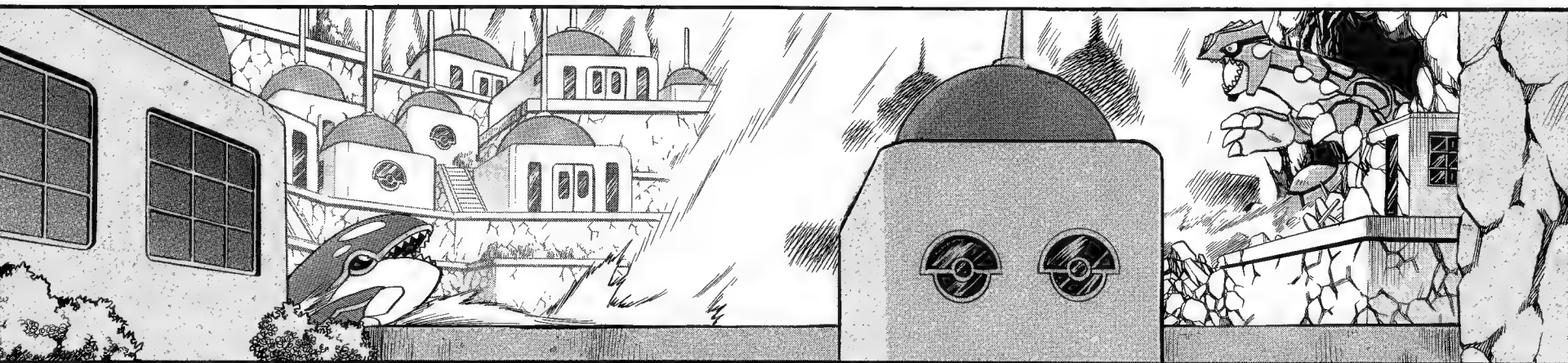
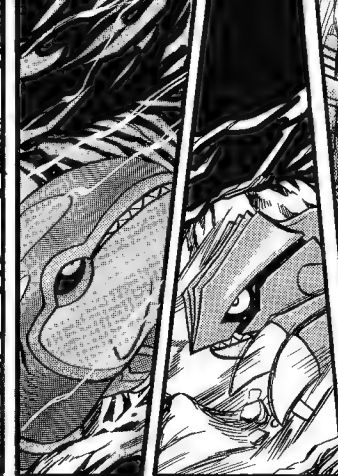
KYOGRE
AND
GROUDON
ARE
GOING TO
DUEL?!

A
DUEL
?







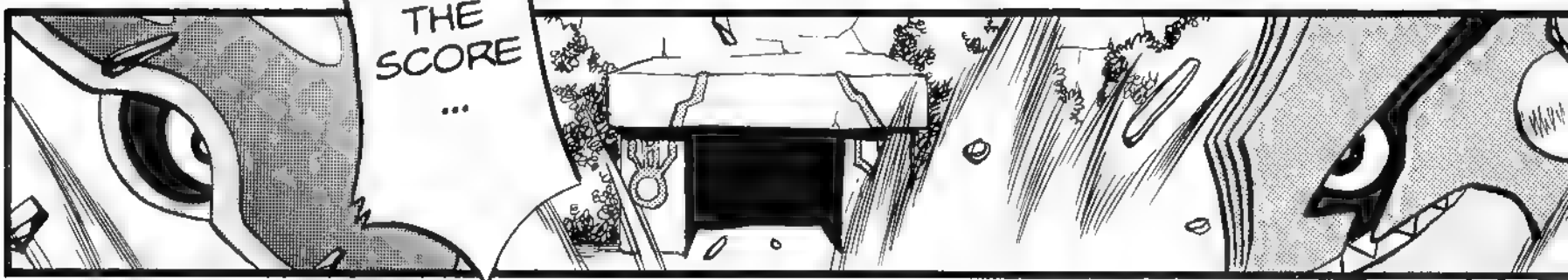




FIGHT AN EPIC
BATTLE OF
DESTRUCTION
WITH EVERY
IOTA OF THEIR
POWER!



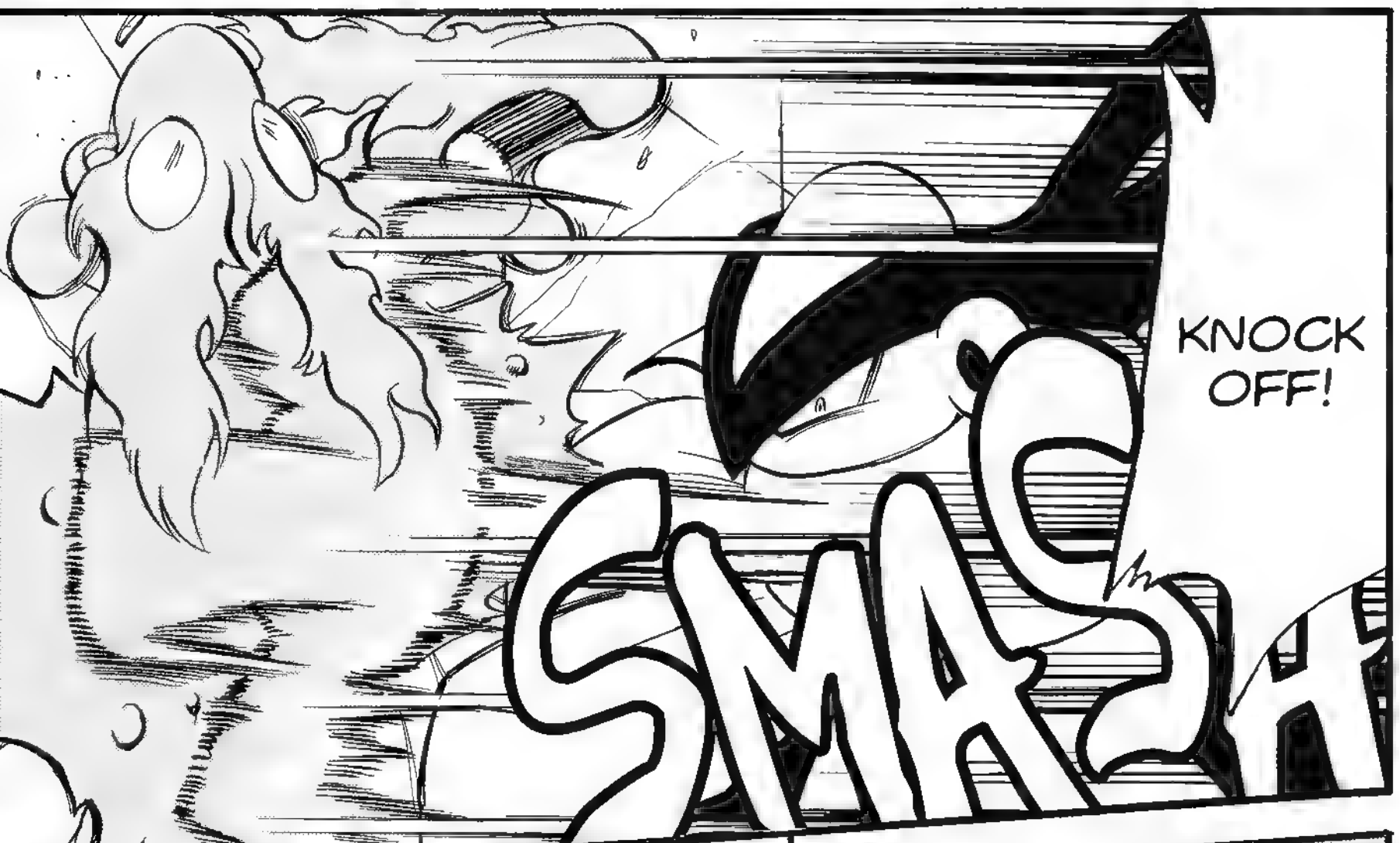
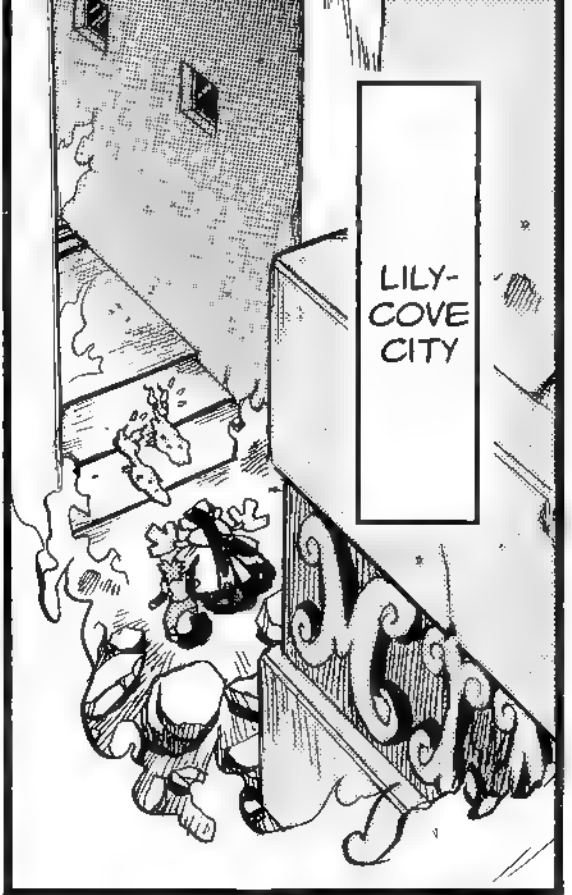
THEY'RE
FINALLY
MEETING...



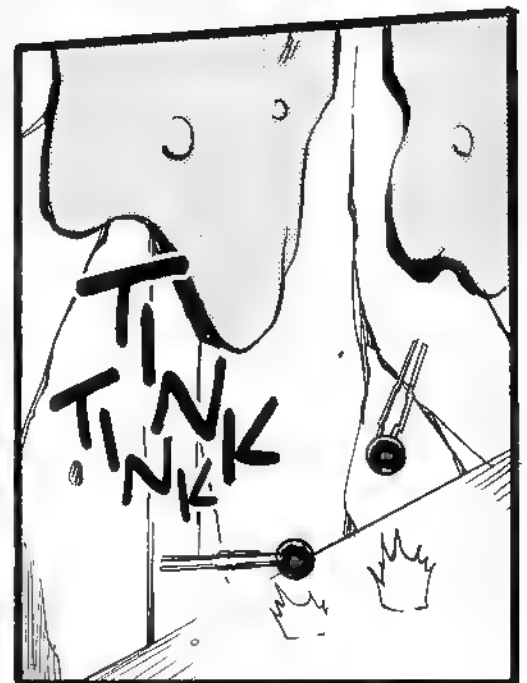
...TO
SETTLE
THE
SCORE
...



...ONCE
AND
FOR
ALL!



IT'S THE
HAIRPINS
THAT
TATE AND
LIZA...





SO
YOU'RE THE
ONE WHO
ATTACKED
TATE AND
LIZA!



HOLD
YOUR
HORSES!
DON'T
PUSH
YOURSELF
TOO
HARD!

TELL
ME!
WHERE
ARE
THEY?



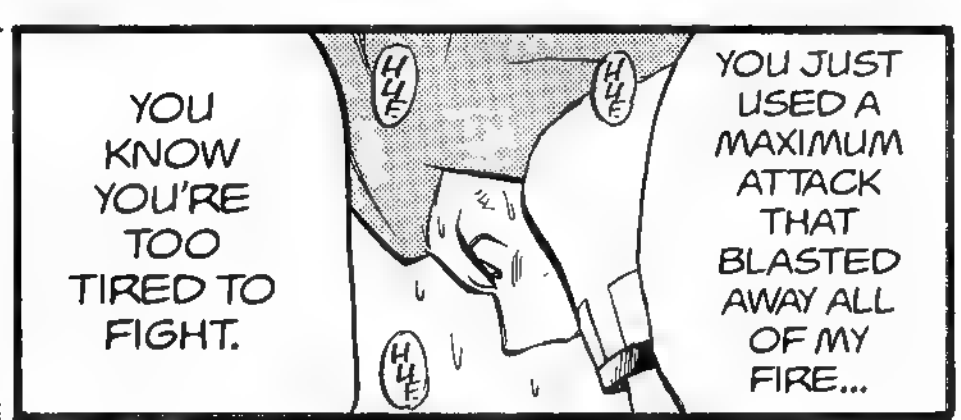
THEY
GOT IN MY
WAY WHEN
I WENT TO
MT. PYRE
TO STEAL
THOSE
ORBS.

THAT'S
RIGHT.
AHAHAHA
...



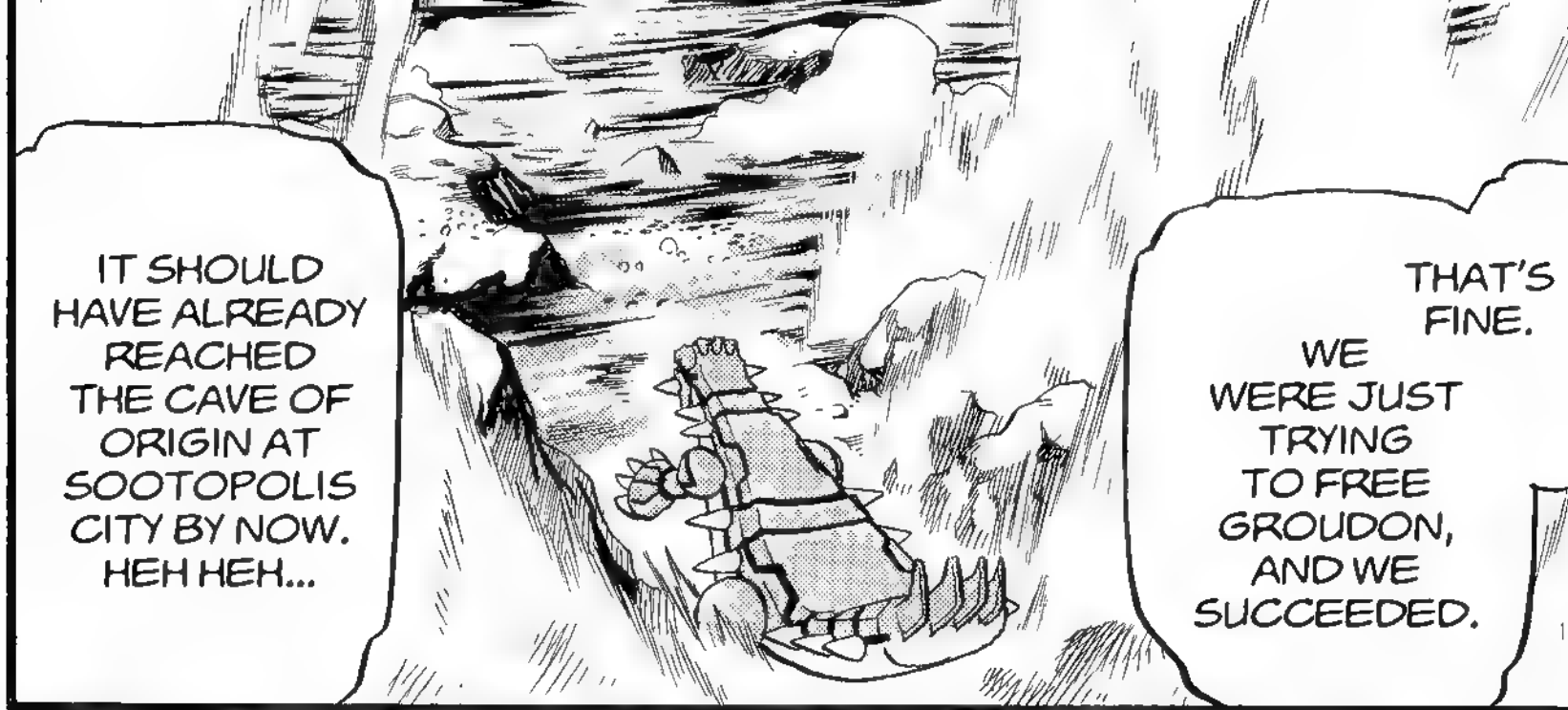
BUT
THAT...
GOES
FOR
ME...
TOO.

HA.
ZLP



YOU
KNOW
YOU'RE
TOO
TIRED TO
FIGHT.

YOU JUST
USED A
MAXIMUM
ATTACK
THAT
BLASTED
AWAY ALL
OF MY
FIRE...



IT SHOULD
HAVE ALREADY
REACHED
THE CAVE OF
ORIGIN AT
SOOTOPOLIS
CITY BY NOW.
HEH HEH...

THAT'S
FINE.
WE
WERE JUST
TRYING
TO FREE
GROUDON,
AND WE
SUCCEEDED.



...OVER-
COME MY
ILLUSIONS
BY
SHEER
FORCE.
YOU'RE
THE
FIRST
ONE
WHO'S
MANAGED
TO...

I
TAKE MY
HAT OFF
TO YOUR
HARD AND
TOUGH
FIGHTING
STYLE!

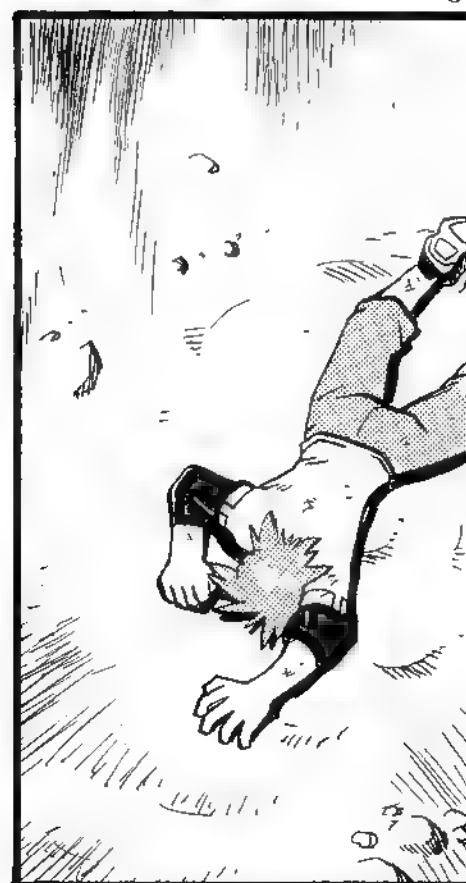


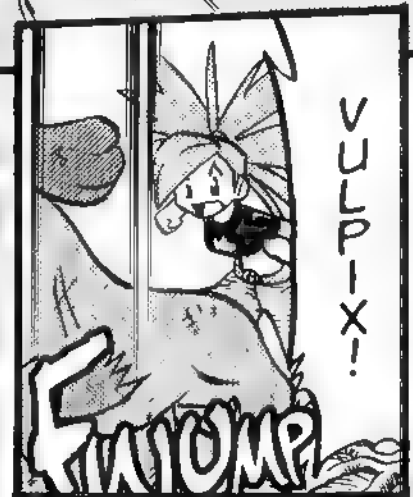
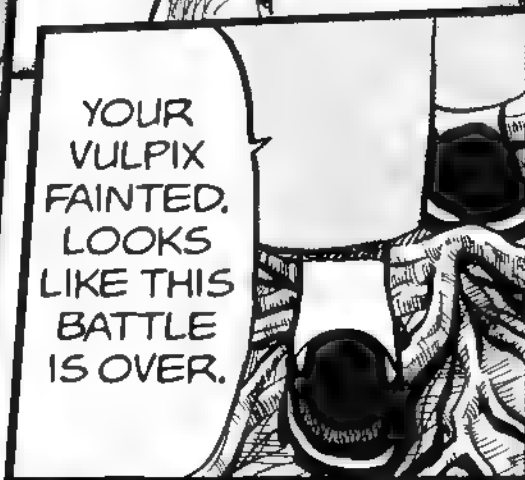
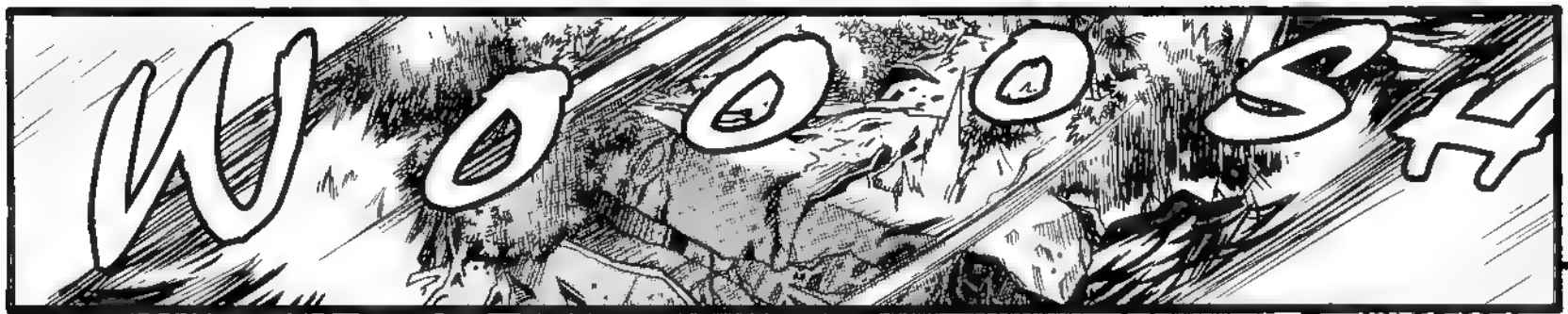
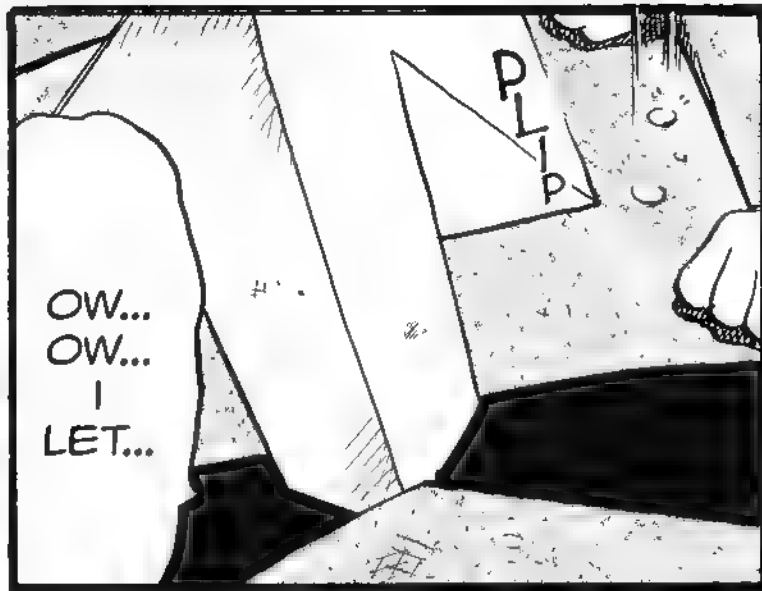
SEE
YA!

SNAP



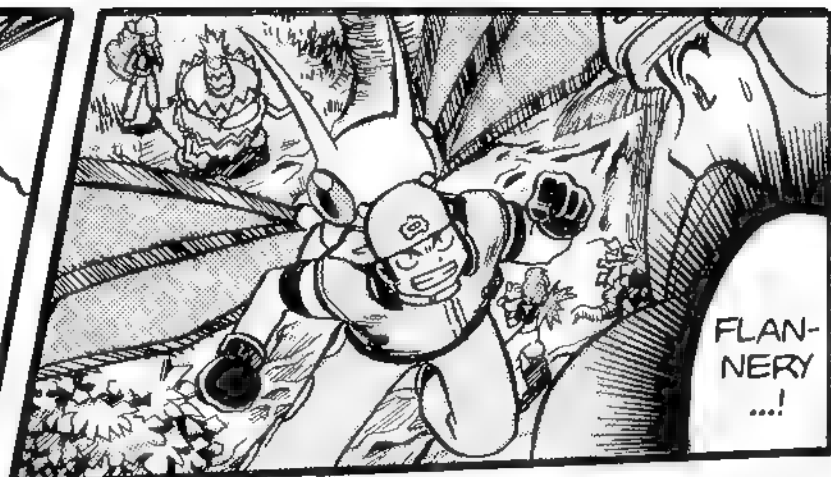
COME
BACK!







MOVE
ASIDE!

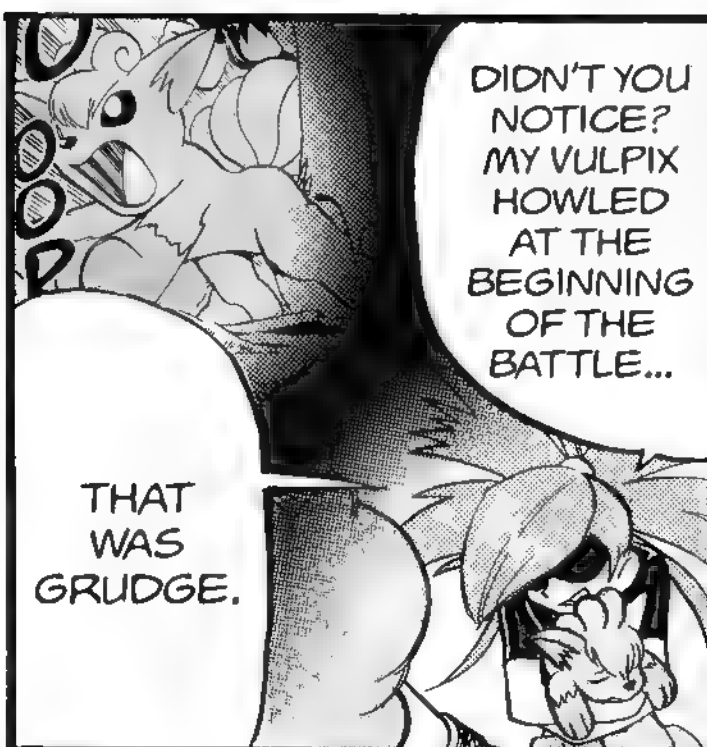
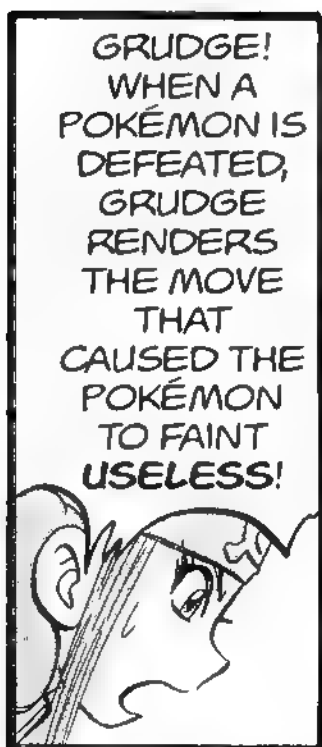


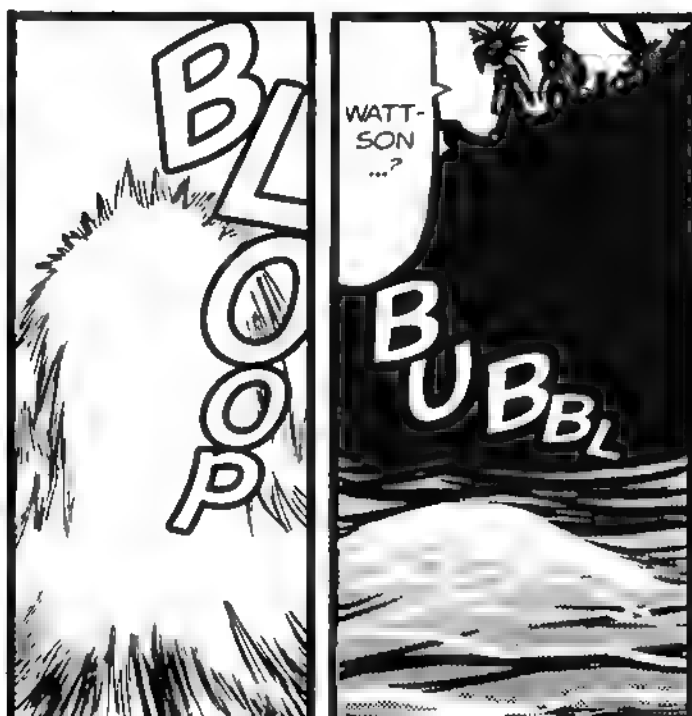
NATURE
POWER!



IT
DOESN'T
MATTER
HOW MANY
OPPONENTS
I FACE...

MY
TACTICS
ARE
FLAWLESS!



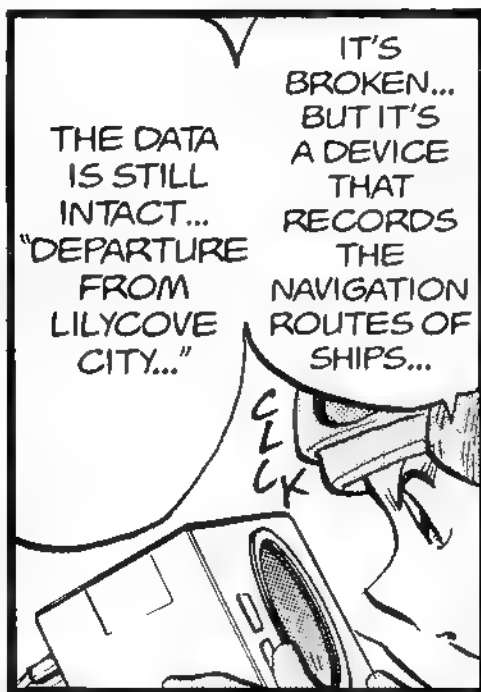




THIS IS
THE NAVI-
GATION
DATA OF
SUB-
MARINE
EXPLORER
1!

"DIVE TO
THE SEA-
FLOOR
CAVERN
AND RISE
BACK UP
TO ROUTE
134"...

WHAT
?!



THE DATA
IS STILL
INTACT...
"DEPARTURE
FROM
LILYCOVE
CITY..."

IT'S
BROKEN...
BUT IT'S
A DEVICE
THAT
RECORDS
THE
NAVIGATION
ROUTES OF
SHIPS...

CL
CK



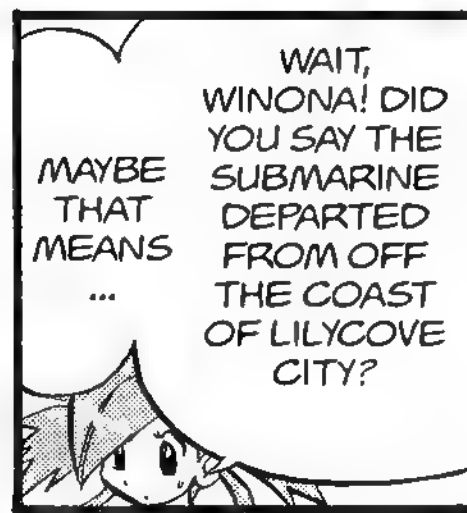
WHAT
IS IT,
WIN-
ONA?

WHAT?
WHERE
DID THIS
COME
FROM?



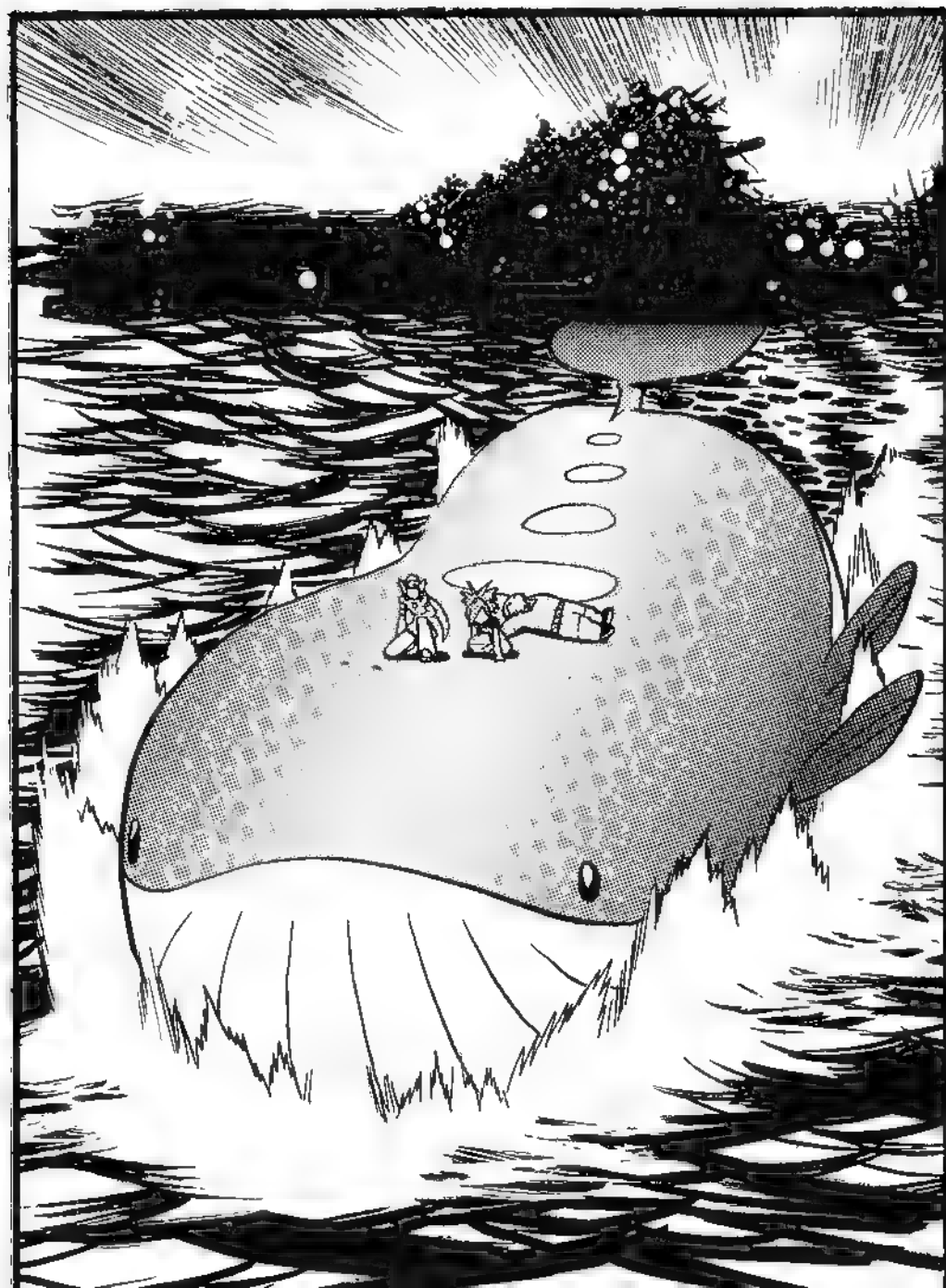
RIGHT!
TEAM
AQUA'S
HIDEOUT
IS
PROBABLY
LOCATED
THERE!

THE
BLUE
UNIFORM!
TEAM
AQUA...

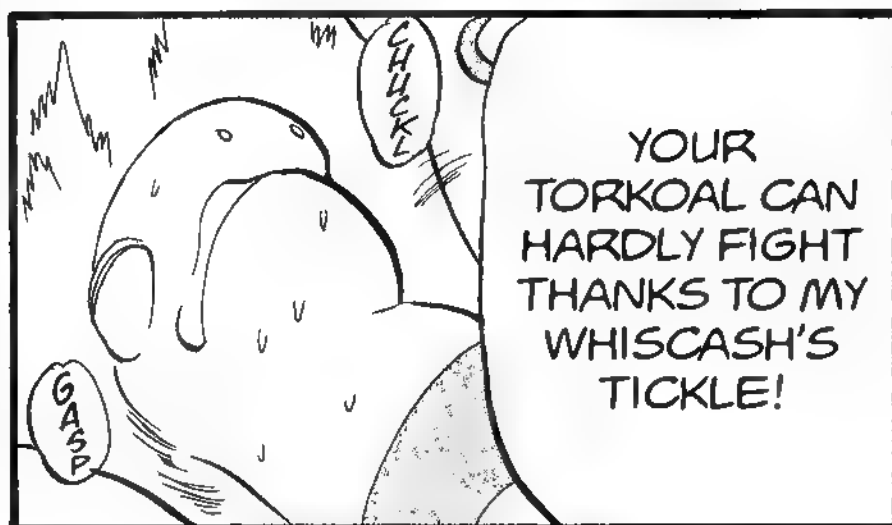
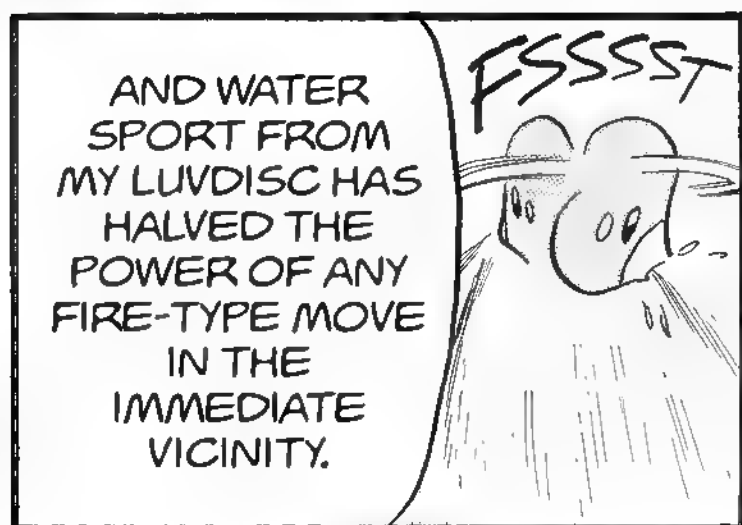
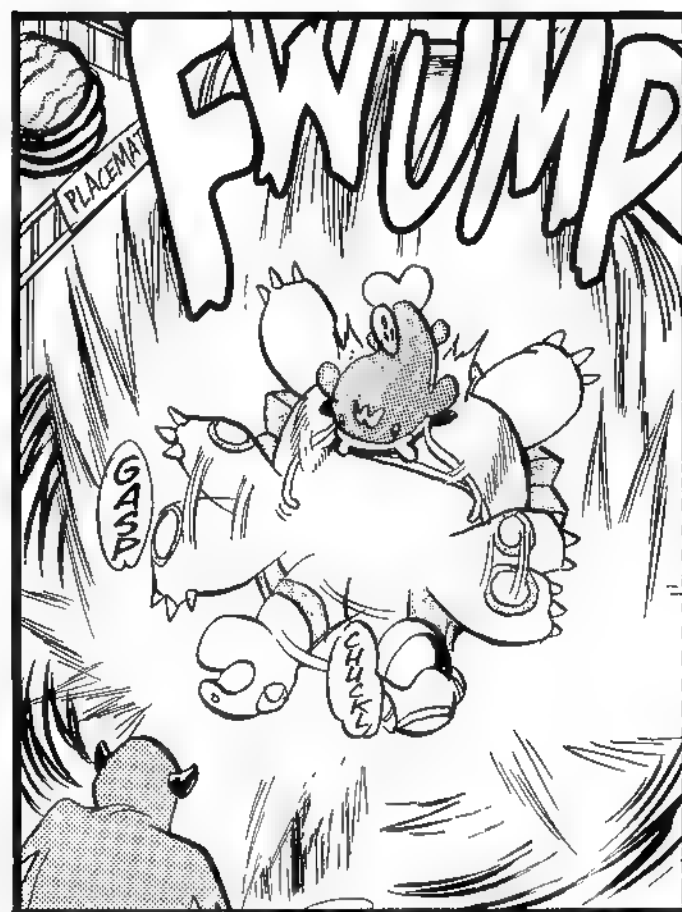
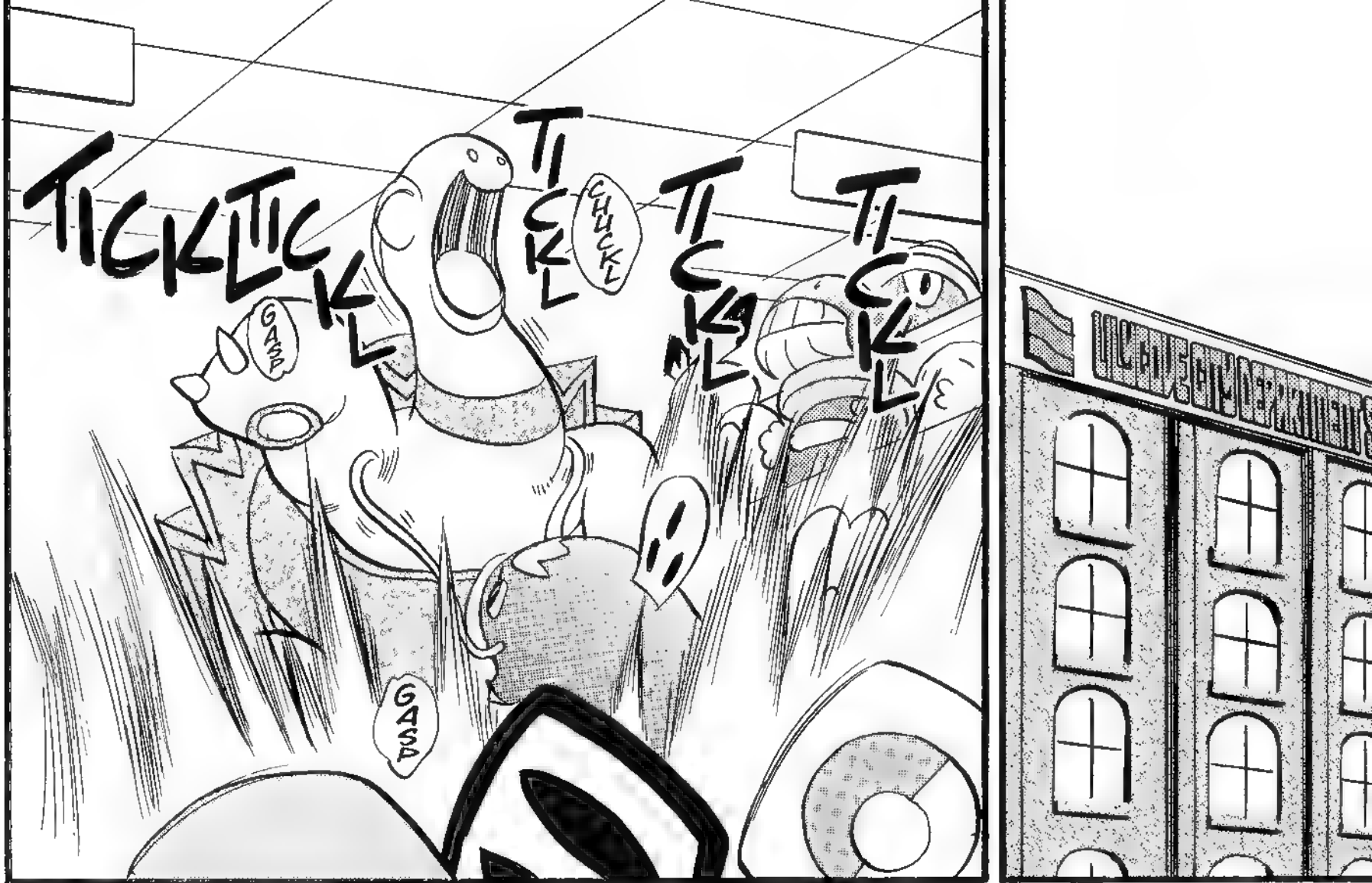


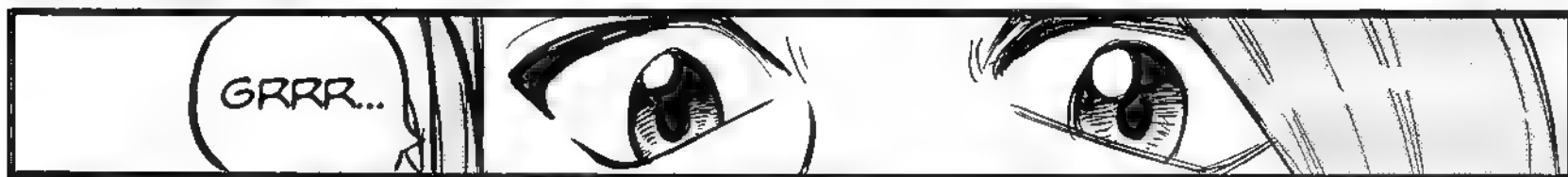
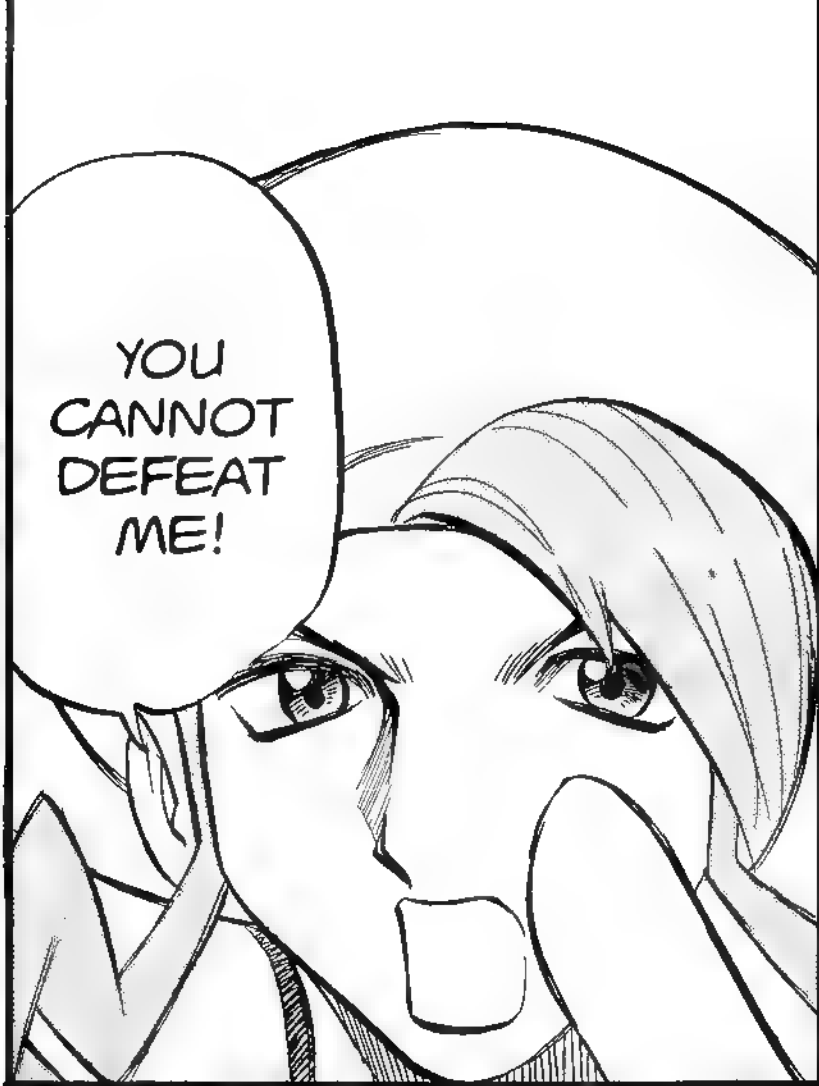
MAYBE
THAT
MEANS
...

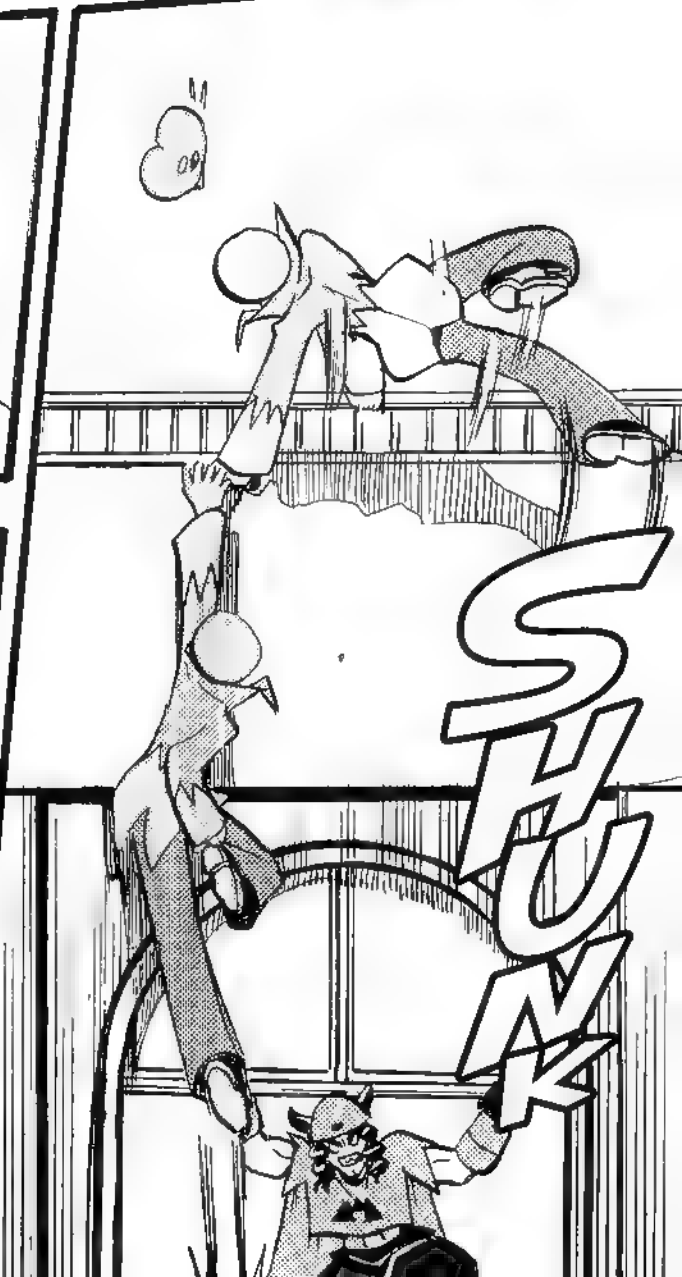
WAIT,
WINONA! DID
YOU SAY THE
SUBMARINE
DEPARTED
FROM OFF
THE COAST
OF LILYCOVE
CITY?

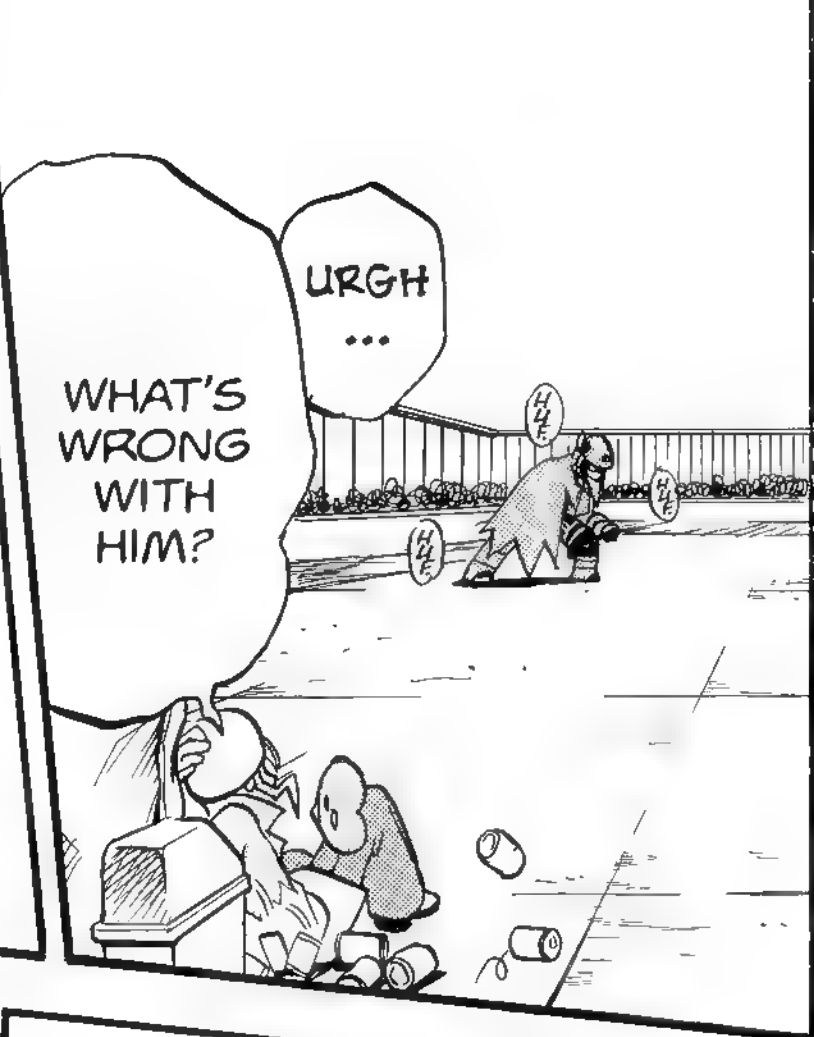


LET'S GO,
WINONA!
MAYBE
THAT'S WHERE
THEY'VE
IMPRISONED
PROFESSOR
COZMO TOO!







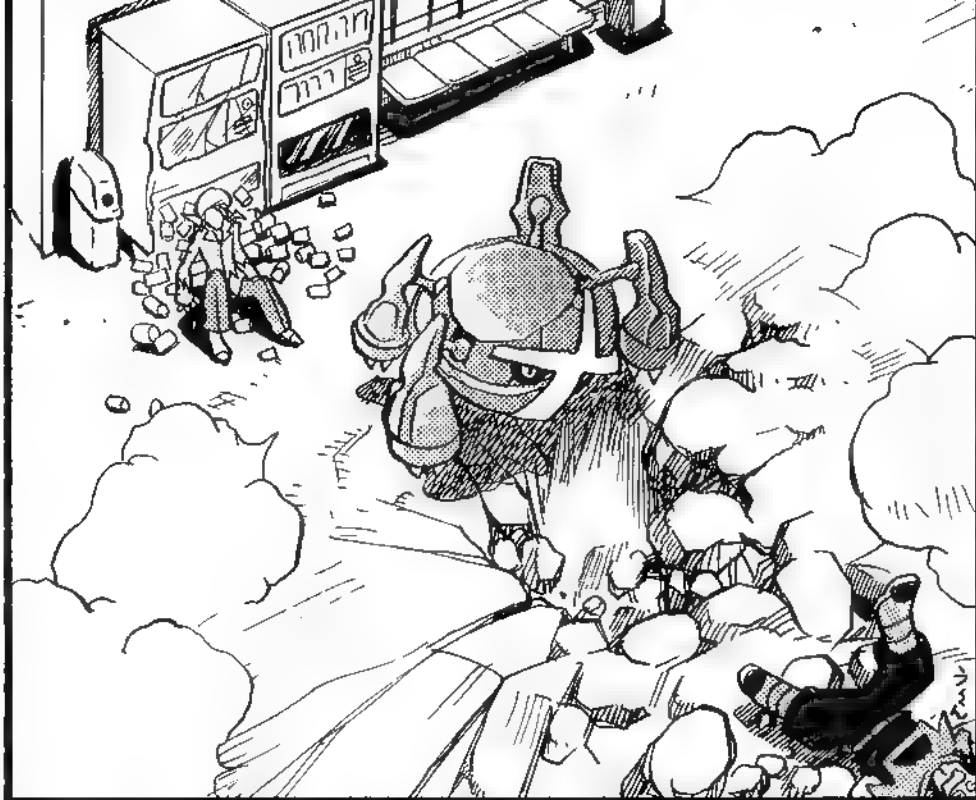




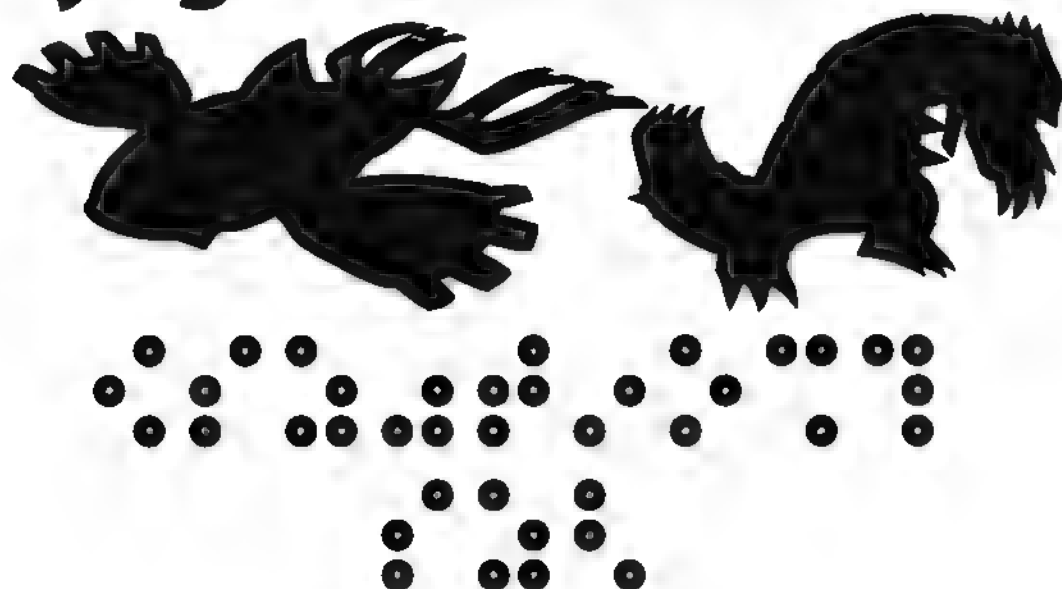
META-
GROSS!

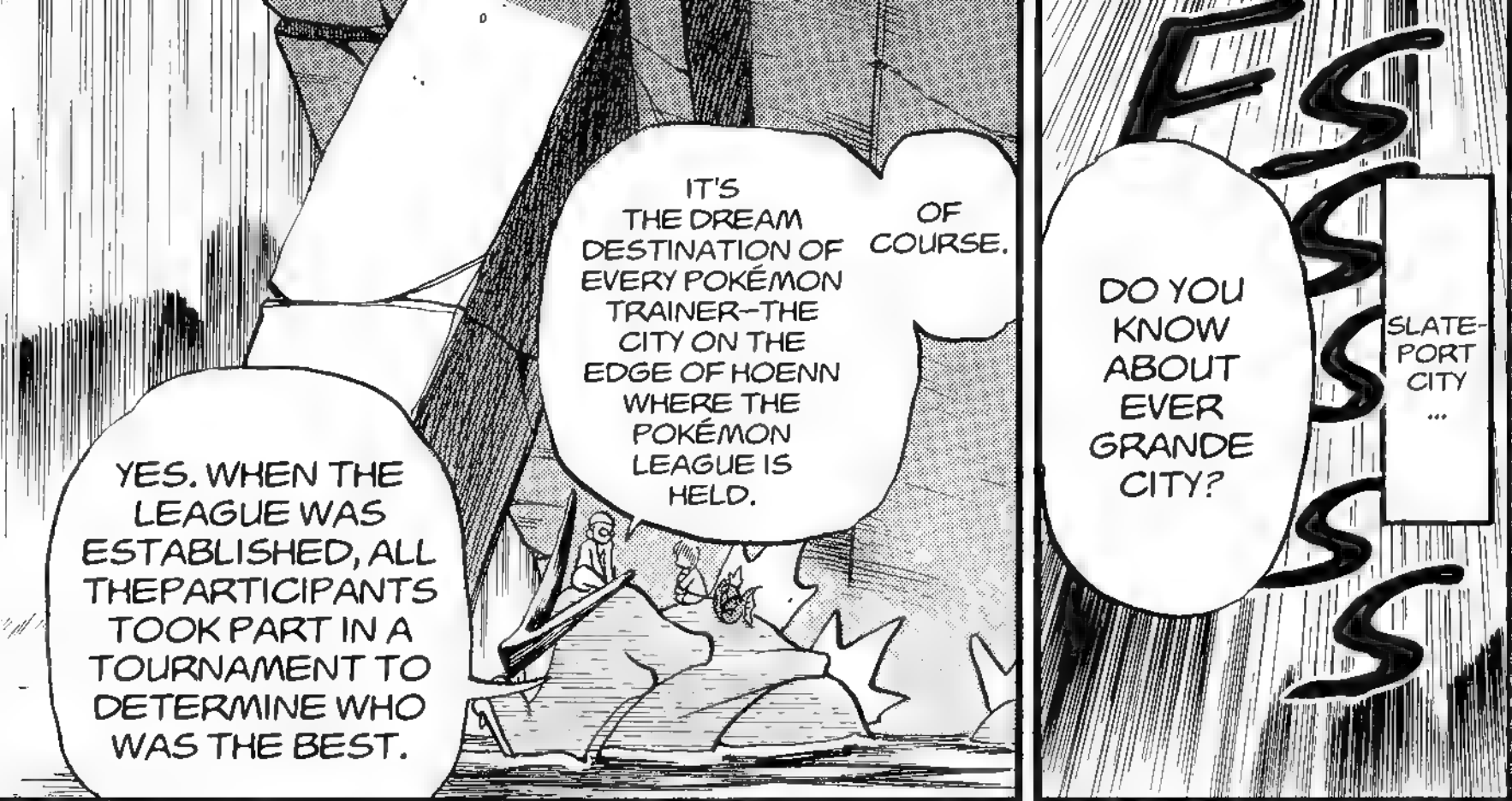


METEOR
MASH!



● Chapter 251 ●
**The Beginning of the End with
Kyogre & Groudon XIII**



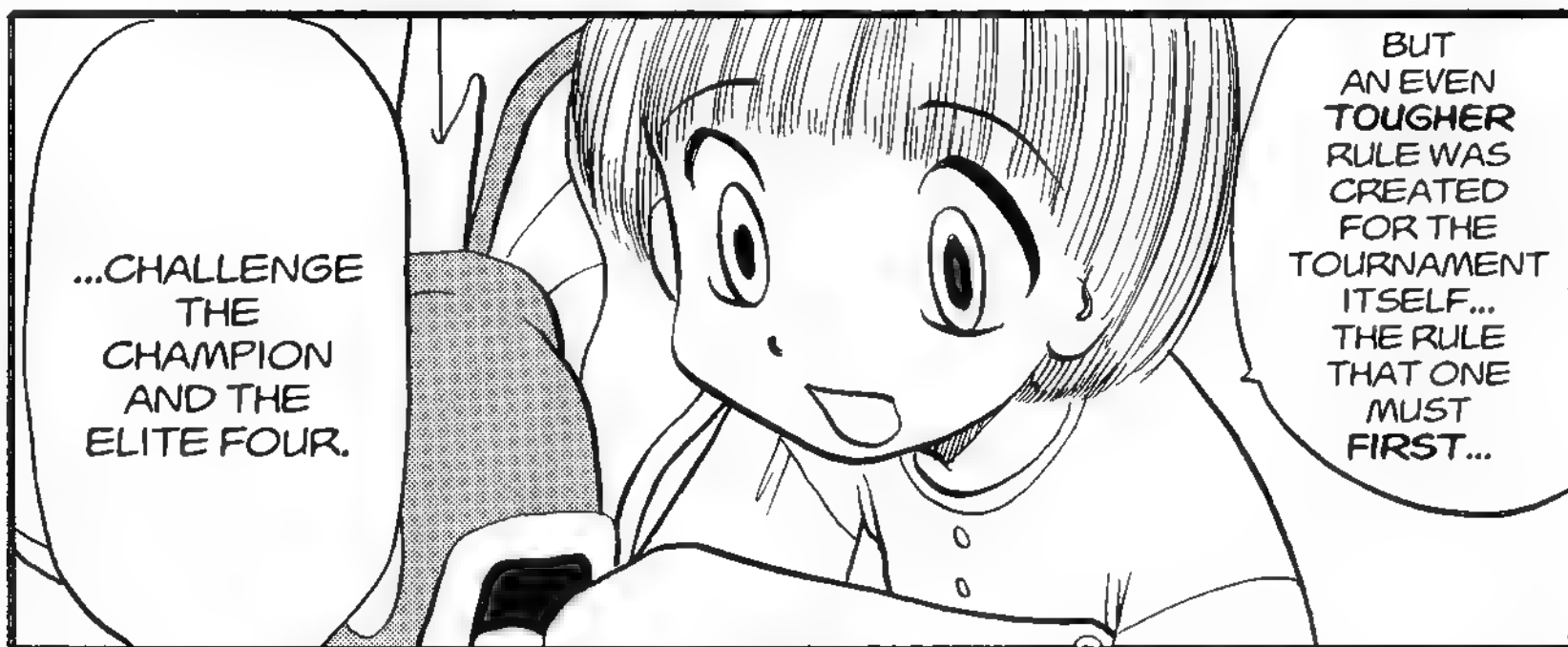


YES. WHEN THE LEAGUE WAS ESTABLISHED, ALL THE PARTICIPANTS TOOK PART IN A TOURNAMENT TO DETERMINE WHO WAS THE BEST.

IT'S THE DREAM DESTINATION OF EVERY POKÉMON TRAINER—THE CITY ON THE EDGE OF HOENN WHERE THE POKÉMON LEAGUE IS HELD. OF COURSE.

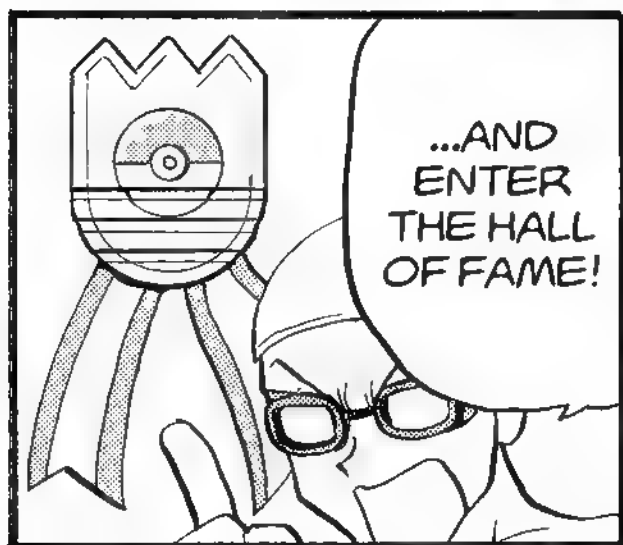
DO YOU KNOW ABOUT EVER GRANDE CITY?

SLATE-PORT CITY ...



...CHALLENGE THE CHAMPION AND THE ELITE FOUR.

BUT AN EVEN TOUGHER RULE WAS CREATED FOR THE TOURNAMENT ITSELF... THE RULE THAT ONE MUST FIRST...



...AND ENTER THE HALL OF FAME!



YEP!

THE GUY WHO TOLD YOU THAT WAS—



THE ELITE FOUR ARE SELECTED FROM THE TOP RANKING TRAINERS FROM PAST TOURNAMENTS. THEY FIGHT THE TRAINER WHO WINS THE POKÉMON LEAGUE.

ONLY AFTER DEFEATING THE ELITE FOUR AND THE CURRENT CHAMPION DO YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO CALL YOURSELF THE "BEST TRAINER."



THAT'S
WHAT
HE
SAID!

THE
CHAMPION
TOLD ME THIS
WAS A VERY
IMPORTANT
STONE PLATE
AND THAT HE
NEEDS ME TO
HOLD ONTO
IT UNTIL HE
COMES BACK
FOR IT ONE
DAY.



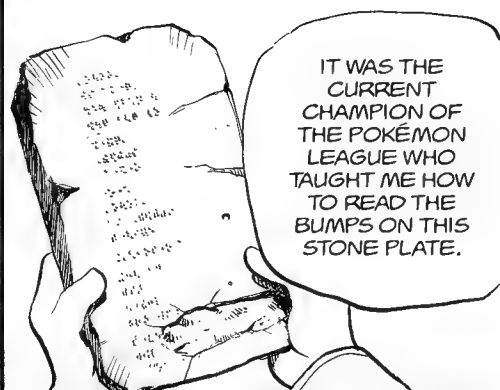
WHAT
?!

I MADE A
PROMISE...
TO STEVEN
STONE,
THE
CHAMPION.




I MAN-
AGED TO
FIND YOU,
BUT NOW
WE CAN'T
LEAVE!

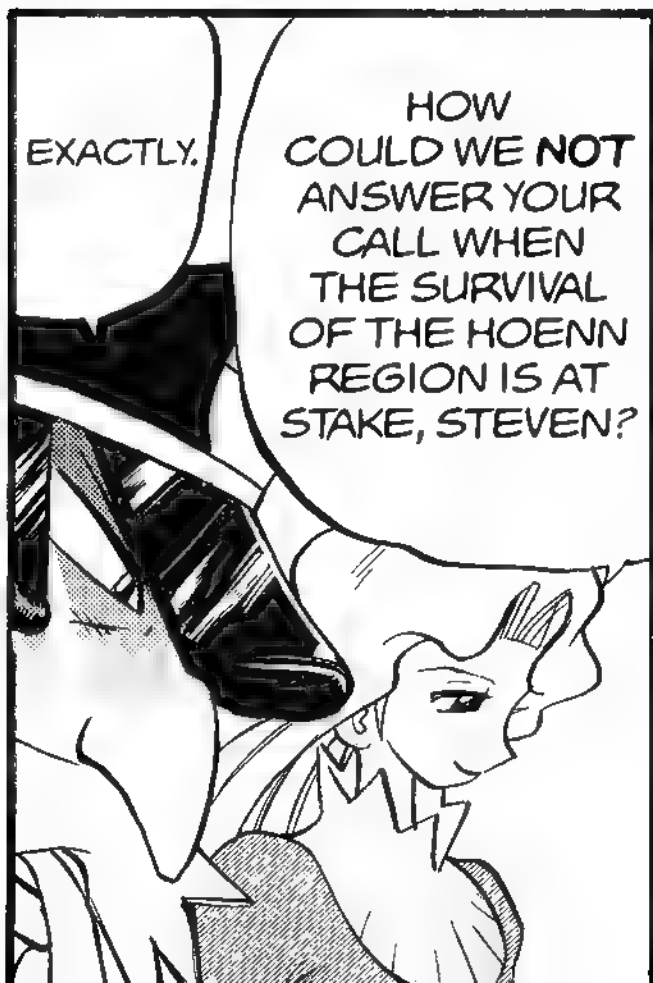
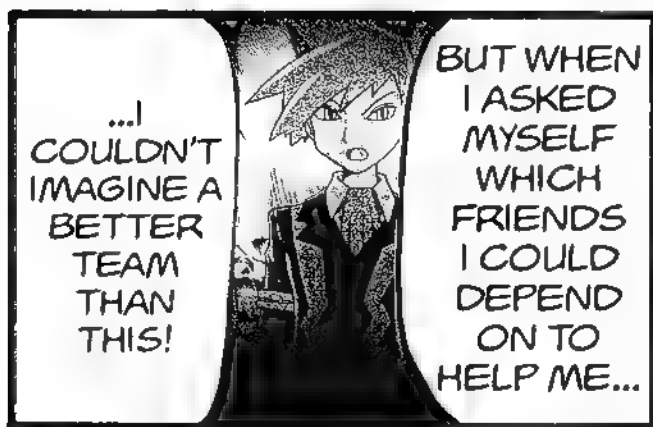
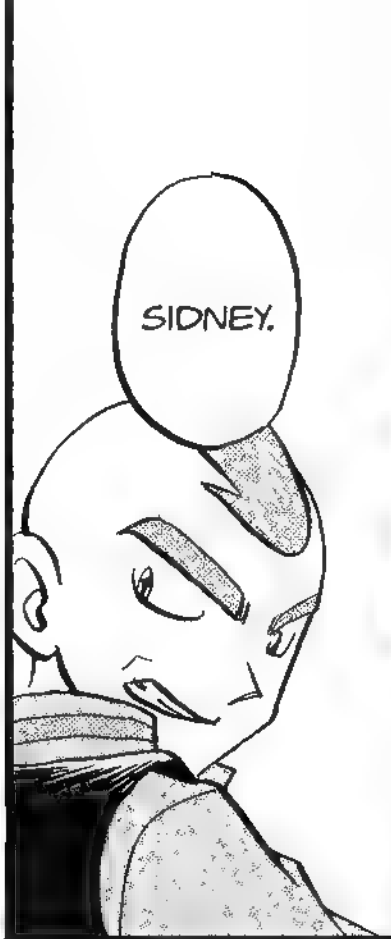
THE RAIN'S
COMING DOWN
HARDER AND
THE POKÉMON
ASSOCIATION
AIRSHIP DIDN'T
NOTICE US...
IT JUST FLEW
RIGHT BY!

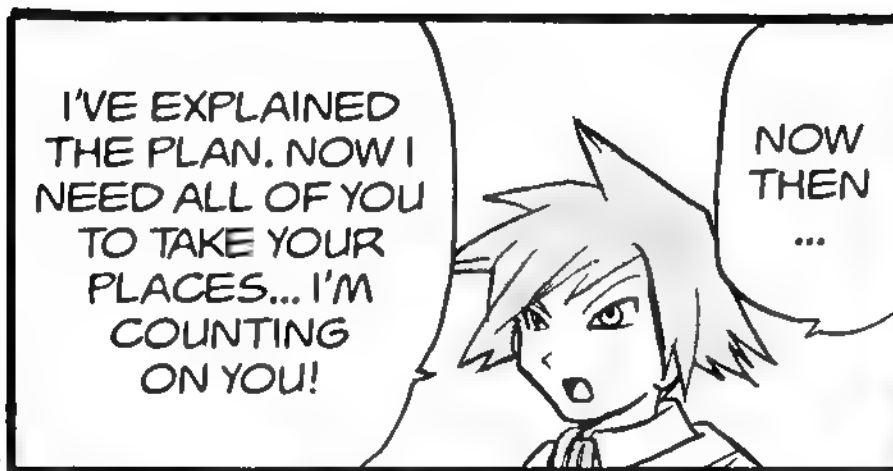


IT WAS THE
CURRENT
CHAMPION OF
THE POKÉMON
LEAGUE WHO
TAUGHT ME HOW
TO READ THE
BUMPS ON THIS
STONE PLATE.

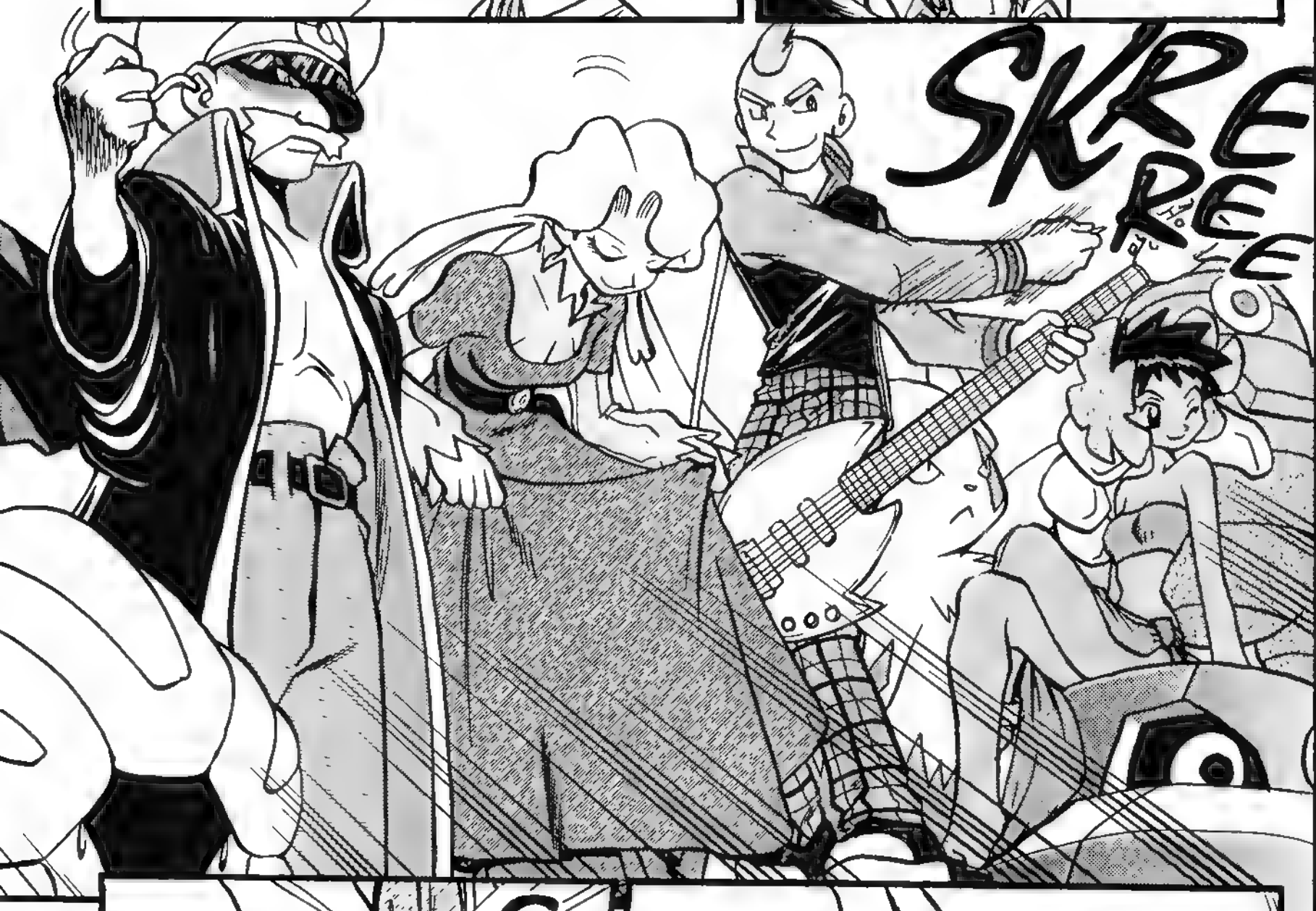


THAT'S
OKAY. I
HAVE TO
STAY HERE
ANYWAY NO
MATTER
WHAT.





NOW THEN ...



SNAP





...NOW
THAT WE'RE
FIGHTING
TOGETHER. YOU
KNOW WHAT
THAT MEANS,
RIGHT?

I'M
ENTRUST-
ING YOU
WITH
THIS...



THE
CHAMPION
CAPE...



YOU
WON THE
POKÉMON
LEAGUE AND
ENTERED
THE HALL OF
FAME ONCE.

CORRECT. BUT
THERE'S NOTHING
SPECIAL ABOUT
ME GIVING YOU
THIS... I'M ONLY
GIVING IT BACK
TO ITS RIGHTFUL
OWNER.



THIS
CAPE
BELONGS
TO YOU.



YOU ARE
HEREBY
INDUCTED
INTO THE
HALL OF
FAME—
CONGRATU-
LATIONS!

**PRESIDENT'S
OFFICE**



THE ELITE
FOUR WILL
BE THE FOUR
TOP-RANKED
TRAINERS
STARTING
FROM STEVEN
AT THE TOP
AND MOVING
DOWN TO—

THAT
MEANS
...

UM...
THE RANKS
HAVE SHIFTED
NOW THAT WE
HAVE A NEW
CHAMPION.



I'D LIKE YOU
TO TAKE ON
THE DUTIES
OF THE
CHAMPION
FROM THIS
DAY FORTH.



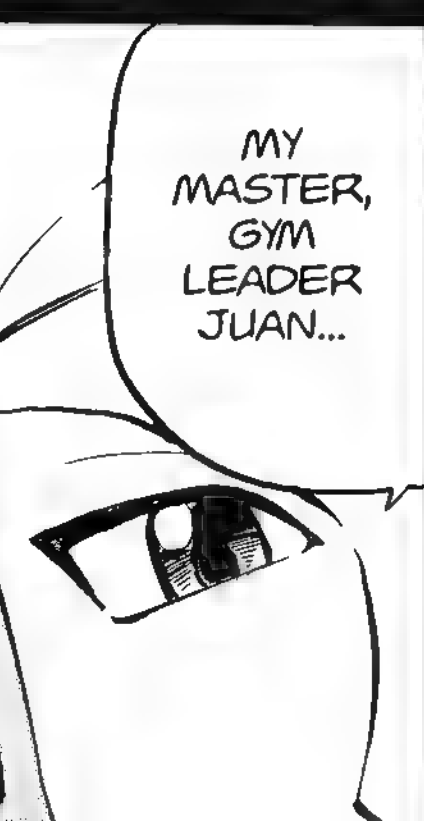
ACTUALLY...
I WAS
THINKING
OF
TURNING
YOUR KIND
OFFER
DOWN.



I'VE ALWAYS
DREAMED OF
FOLLOWING
IN HIS
FOOTSTEPS AND
BECOMING THE
GYM LEADER OF
SOOTOPOLIS
CITY.



MY
MASTER,
GYM
LEADER
JUAN...



THAT'S WHAT YOU SAID
BEFORE RESIGNING
FROM YOUR POSITION
AS CHAMPION. AND
I WAS GIVEN THIS
CAPE BECAUSE I WAS
THE NEXT HIGHEST
RANKING TRAINER.

FZTR

"AND ONE
CAN'T
BE A GYM
LEADER
AND THE
CHAMPION
AT THE
SAME
TIME..."

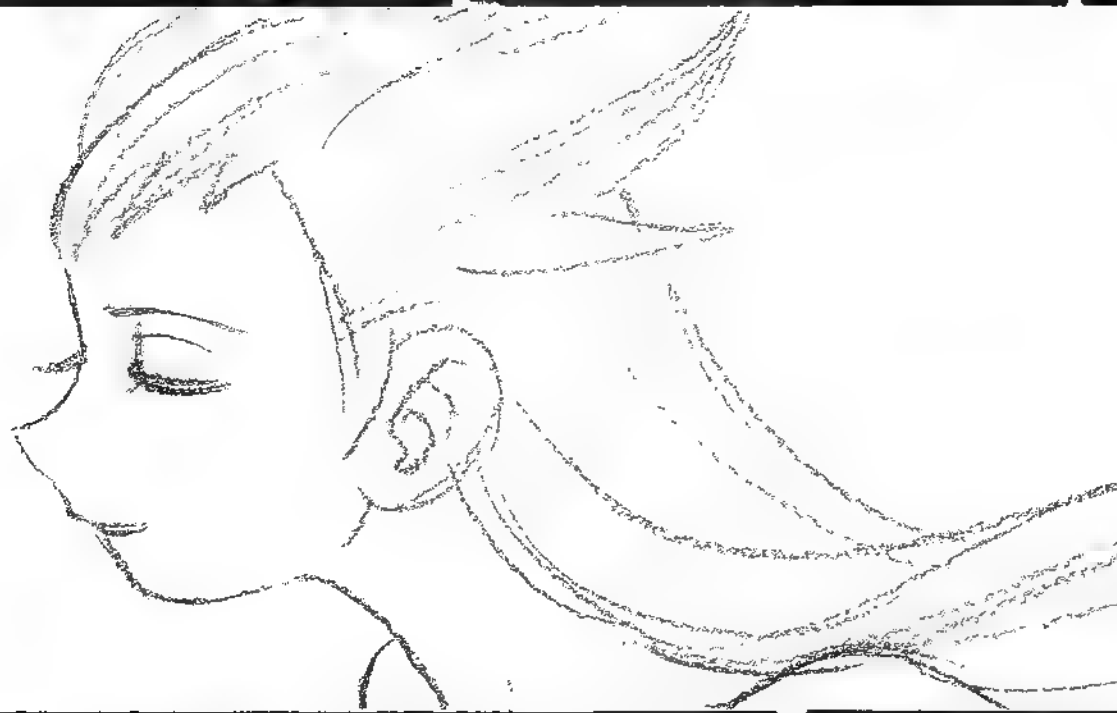
BUT
THE
MORE
IMPOR-
TANT
REA-
SON
WAS
THAT...

OF
COURSE,
YOU WERE
TELLING
THE TRUTH
WHEN
YOU SAID
YOU WANT
TO TAKE
JUAN'S
PLACE.

BUT
I KNOW
ANOTHER
REASON
WHY YOU
TURNED
DOWN
THIS POSI-
TION...

IT'S SO
LIKE YOU
TO SAY
THAT...

WE'RE
EQUALS.
I'VE NEVER
BEEN
BETTER
THAN
YOU.



...WINONA
BECAME THE
GYM LEADER OF
FORTREE CITY
AROUND THE
SAME TIME.

YOU
KNEW,
HUH?

...

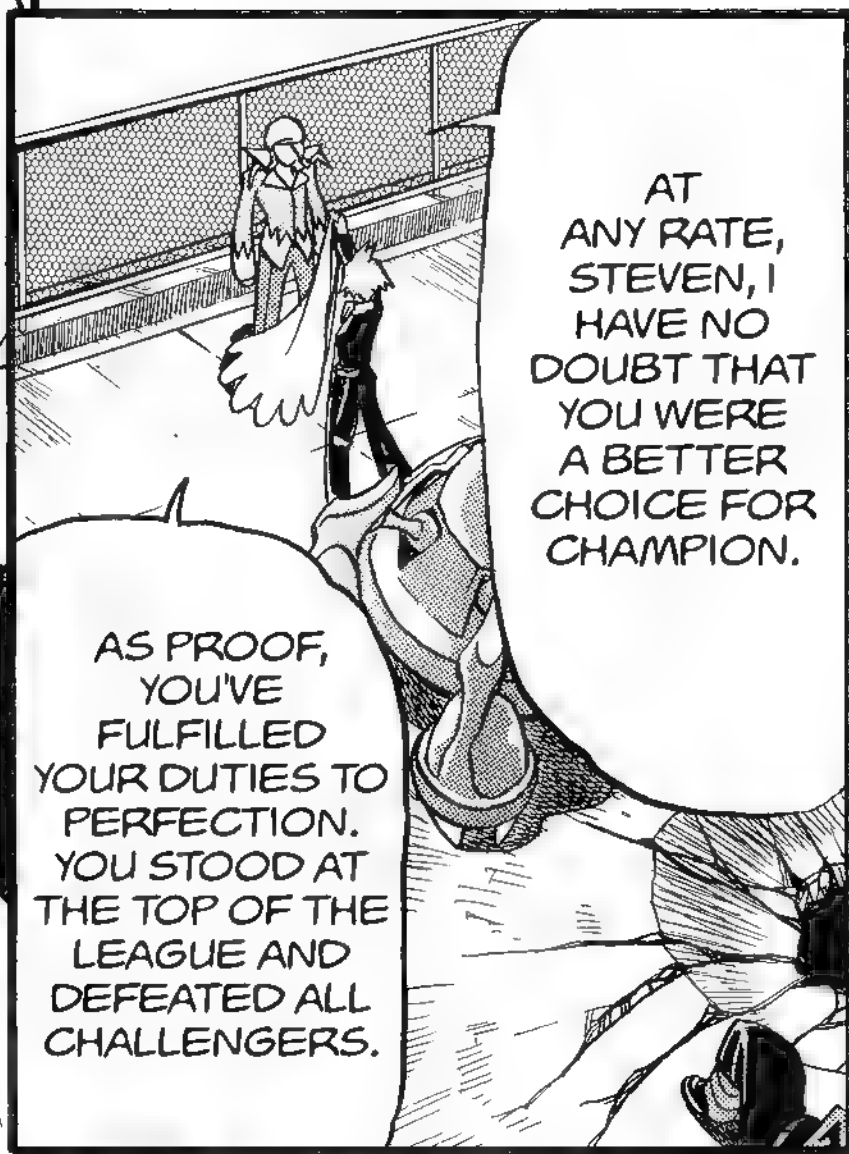
ISN'T
THAT
RIGHT
...?

YOU
WANTED TO
BECOME A
GYM LEADER
SO YOU
COULD STAY
NEAR HER!



SO I
HAVE
TO
ASK...

WHY
ARE YOU
RETURNING
THE CAPE
NOW, AFTER
ALL THIS
TIME?



AT
ANY RATE,
STEVEN, I
HAVE NO
DOUBT THAT
YOU WERE
A BETTER
CHOICE FOR
CHAMPION.

AS PROOF,
YOU'VE
FULFILLED
YOUR DUTIES TO
PERFECTION.
YOU STOOD AT
THE TOP OF THE
LEAGUE AND
DEFEATED ALL
CHALLENGERS.



THAT'S
...



WH-
GROSS--

KAZASH

AAAAA
--GROSS--



THE ONLY WAY TO FIND OUT IS TO GO AFTER GROU-DON!



IT'S GONE?



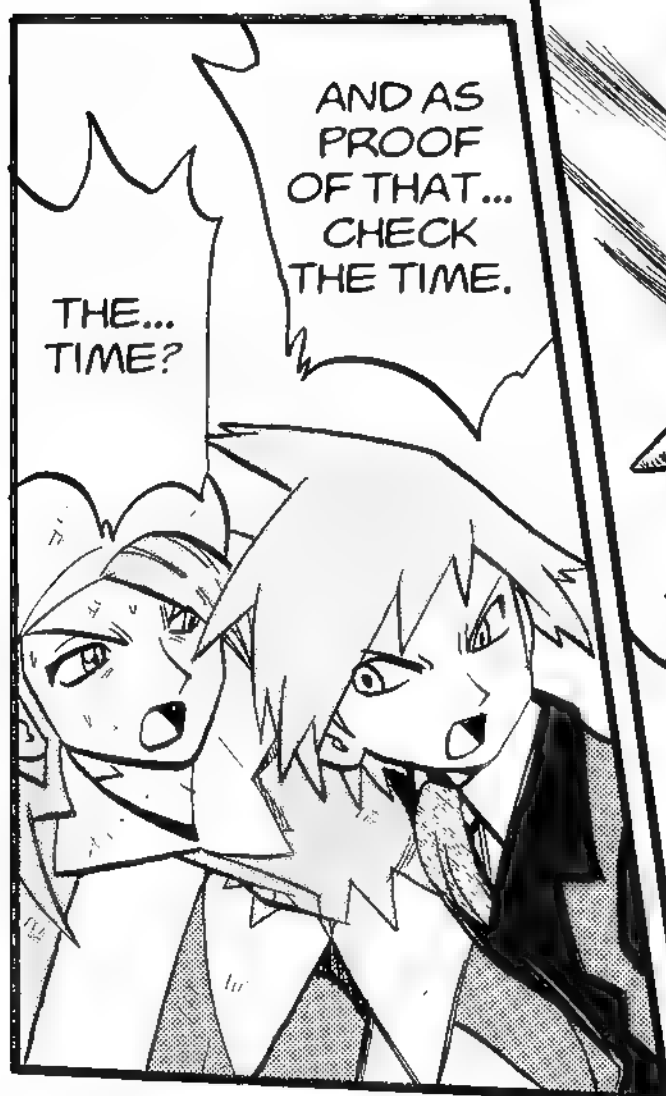
ROXANNE STOPPED IT WITH BLOCK!

HOW?



HE'S STILL UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THE ORB! BUT HE ONLY TOUCHED IT FOR A MOMENT...

...SO WHAT'S HAPPENED TO THE PEOPLE WHO WERE TRYING TO CONTROL THE LEGENDARY POKÉMON DOWN IN THE SEAFLOOR CAVERN?!



THE...
TIME?

AND AS
PROOF
OF THAT...
CHECK
THE TIME.



THE
TRAINER
WHO USED
BLOCK
HAS BEEN
DEFEATED!

GROUDON
HAS
REACHED
SOOTO-
POLIS CITY.
ITS MIND...

...HAS NOW
BEEN FULLY
AWAKENED!



WHY IS
IT SO
BRIGHT
HERE
THEN?

IMPOSSIBLE!



YOU PROBABLY
HAVEN'T
NOTICED
BECAUSE
YOU'RE SO BUSY
FIGHTING, BUT...
IT'S THE MIDDLE
OF THE NIGHT.
THE SUN HAS
ALREADY SET.

ACK!

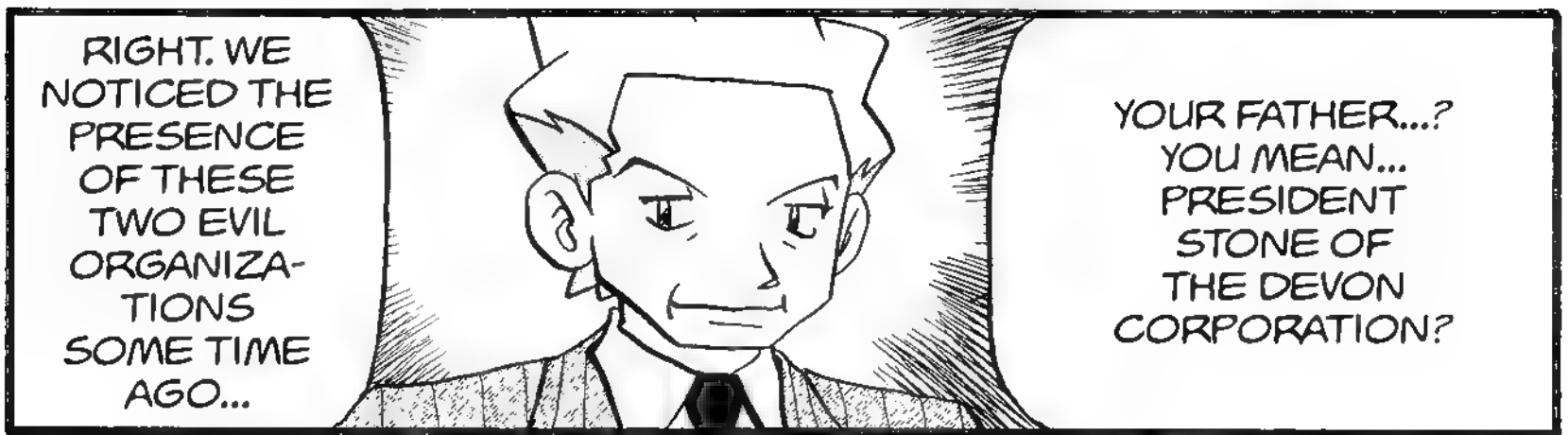


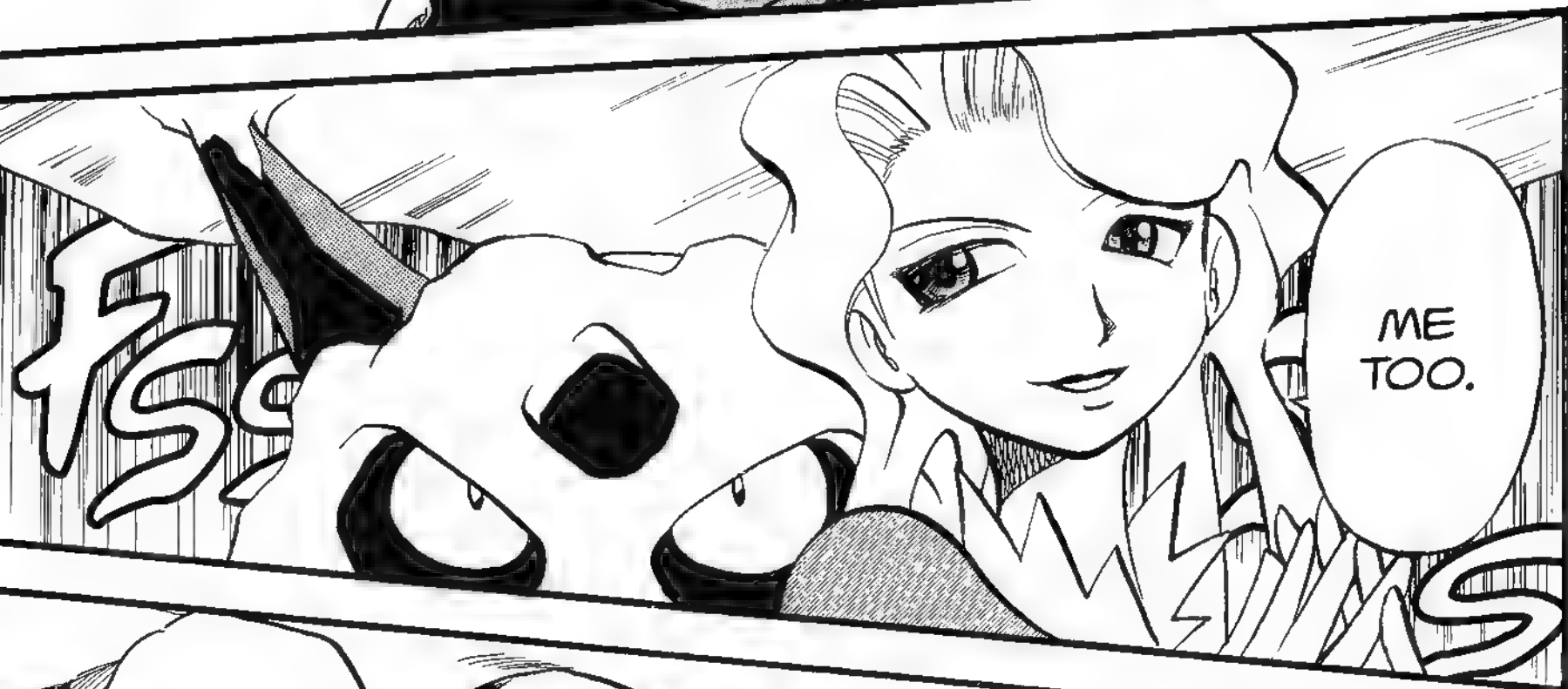
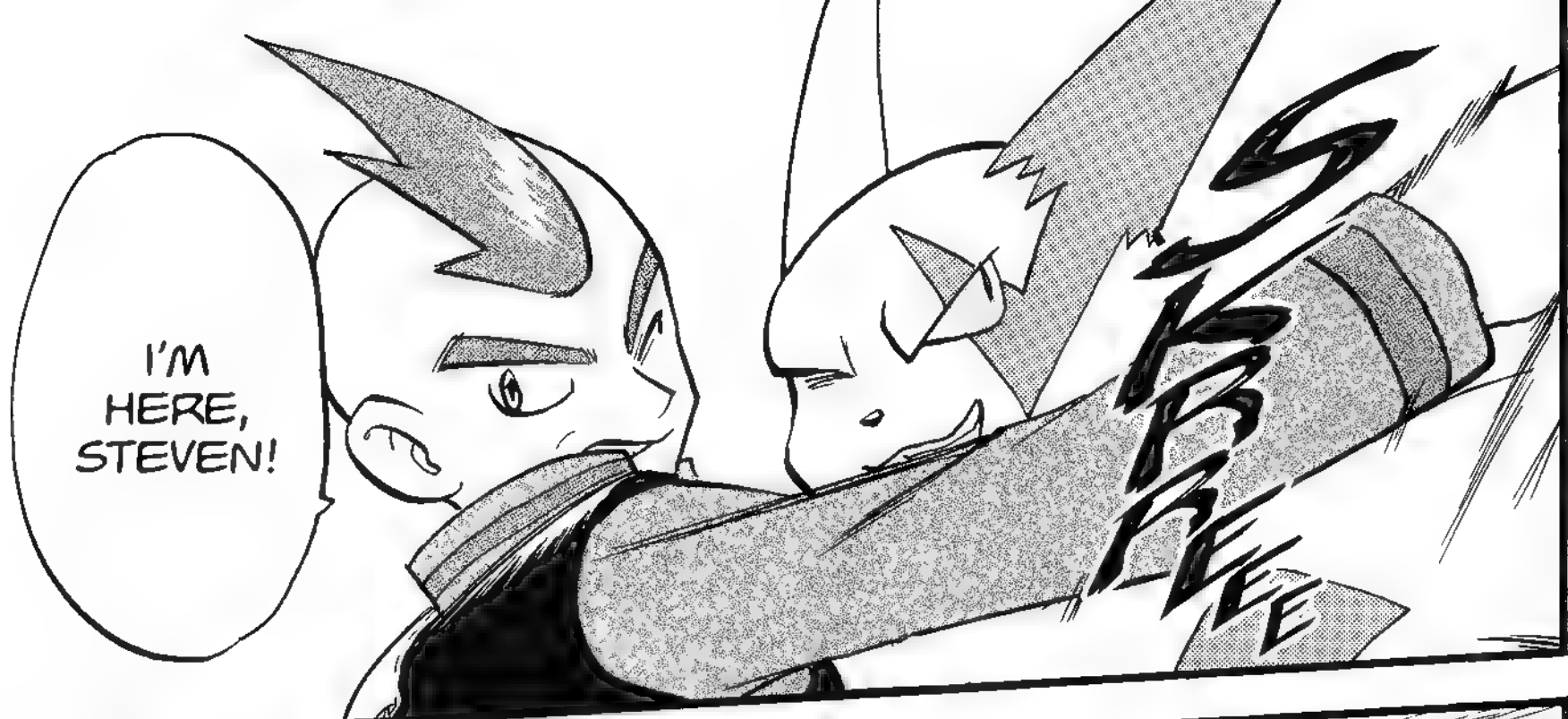
I
HAVE TO
HURRY AND
PUT MY
FATHER'S
PLAN INTO
ACTION!



IT'S FROM
THE LIGHT
AND HEAT
EMANATING
FROM
GROUDON'S
BODY...

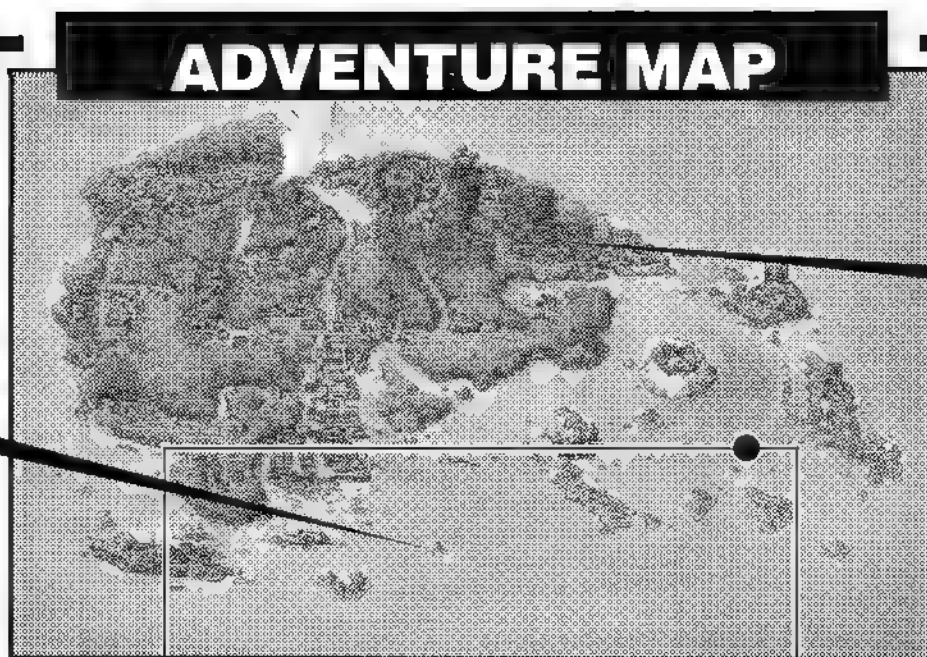
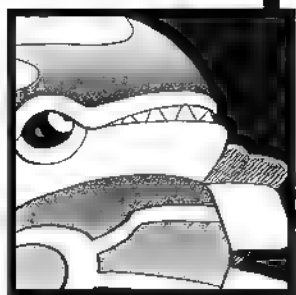
...NOW
THAT IT'S
FULLY
AWAKE.







ADVENTURE MAP



SAPPHIRE

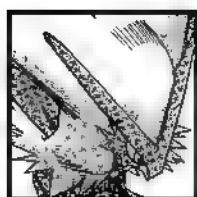
RUBY



Route 126

Seafloor Cavern

Sootopolis City



CHIC
Blaziken ♀

Lv40



RONO
Lairon ♂

Lv41



RELLY
Relicanth ♂

Lv47



PHADO
Donphan ♂

Lv48



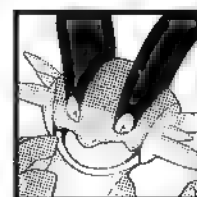
TROPY
Tropius ♂

Lv46



LORRY
Wailord ♂

Lv48



MUMU
Swampert ♂



NANA
Mightyena ♀



KIKI
Delcatty ♀

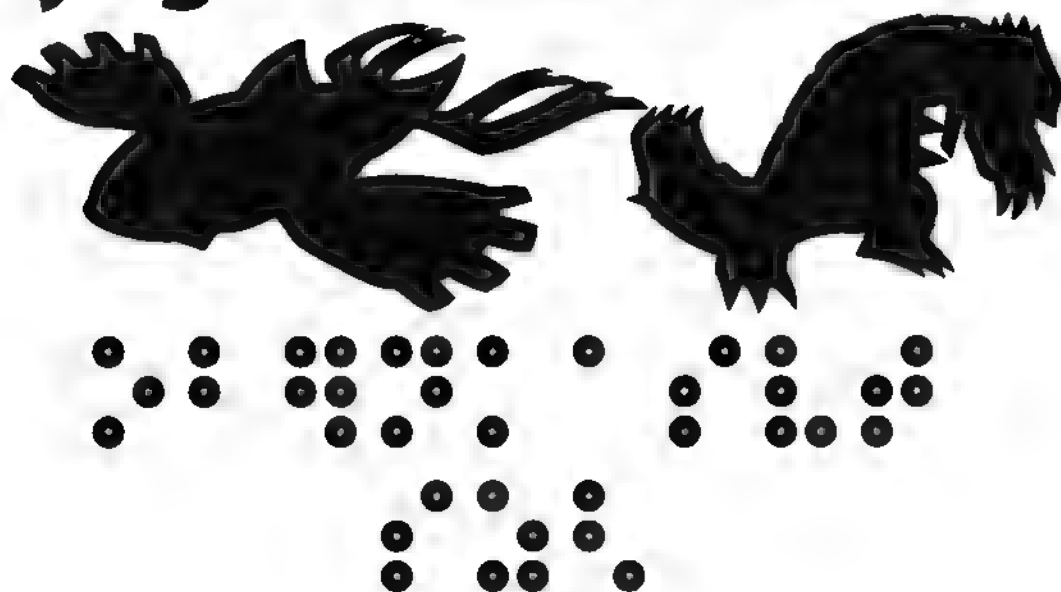


FOFO
Castform ♀

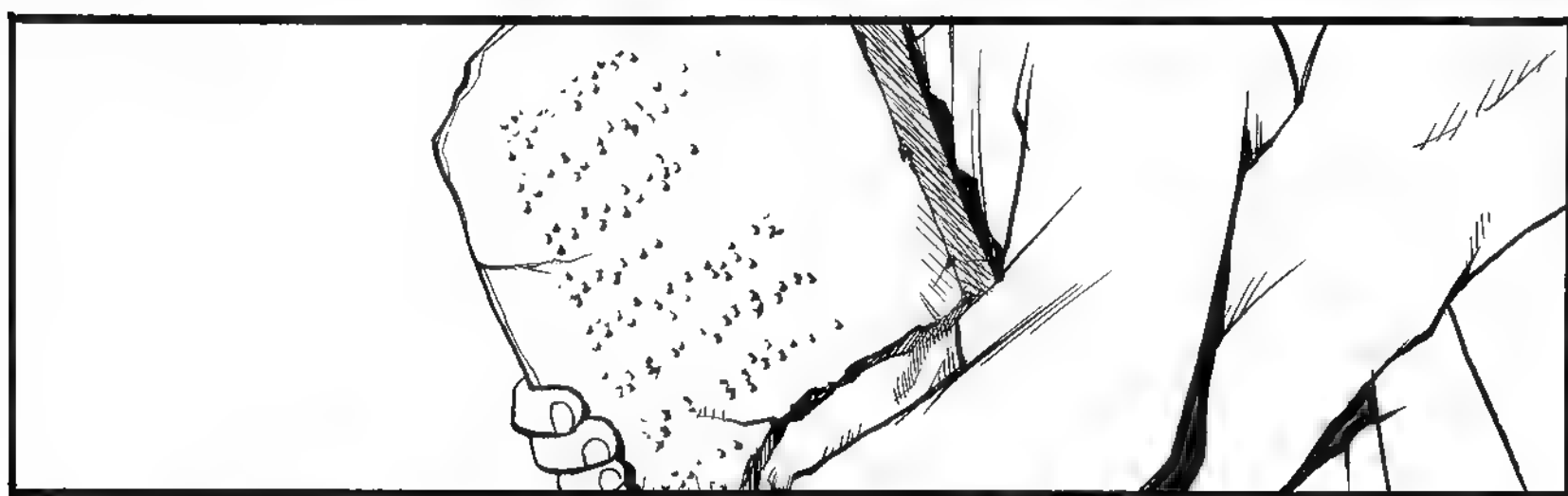
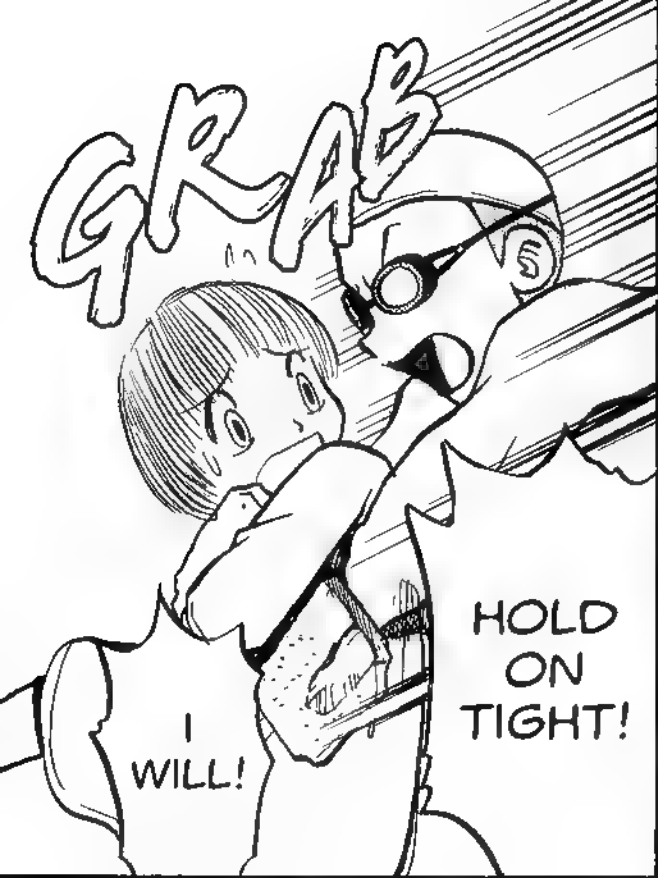
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Balance Badge	Feather Badge	Mind Badge	Rain Badge

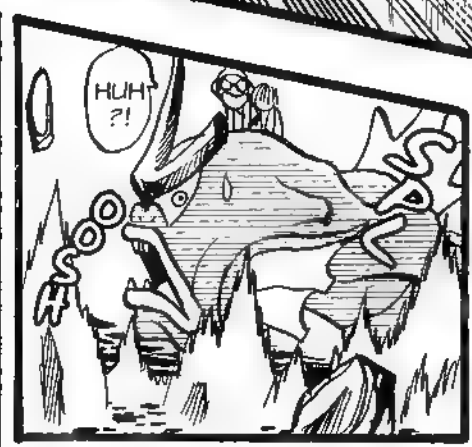
	Cool	Beauty	Cute	Smart	Tough
Normal					
Super					
Hyper					
Master					

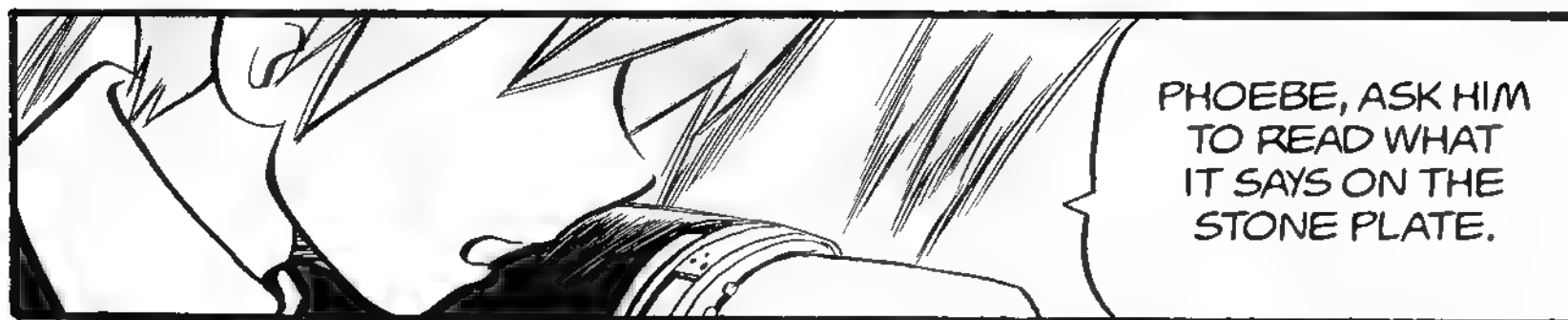
● Chapter 252 ●
**The Beginning of the End with
Kyogre & Groudon XIV**



The Fourth Chapter







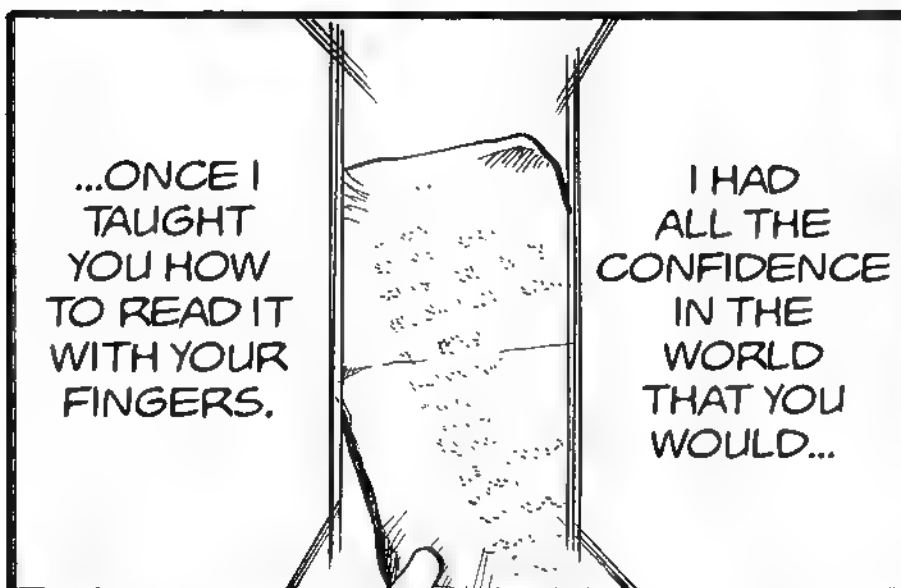


IF
YOU
SAY
SO...



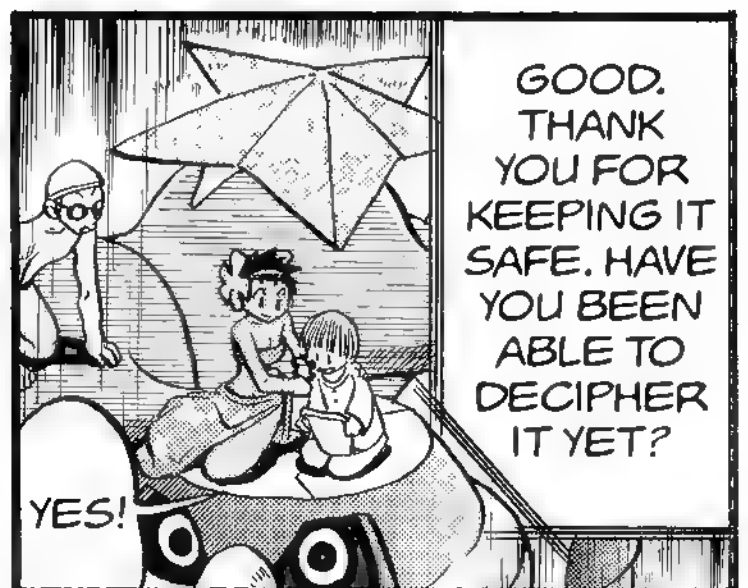
YES!

LONG TIME
NO SPEAK. DO
YOU HAVE THE
STONE PLATE
WITH YOU?



...ONCE I
TAUGHT
YOU HOW
TO READ IT
WITH YOUR
FINGERS.

I HAD
ALL THE
CONFIDENCE
IN THE
WORLD
THAT YOU
WOULD...



YES!

GOOD.
THANK
YOU FOR
KEEPING IT
SAFE. HAVE
YOU BEEN
ABLE TO
DECIPHER
IT YET?



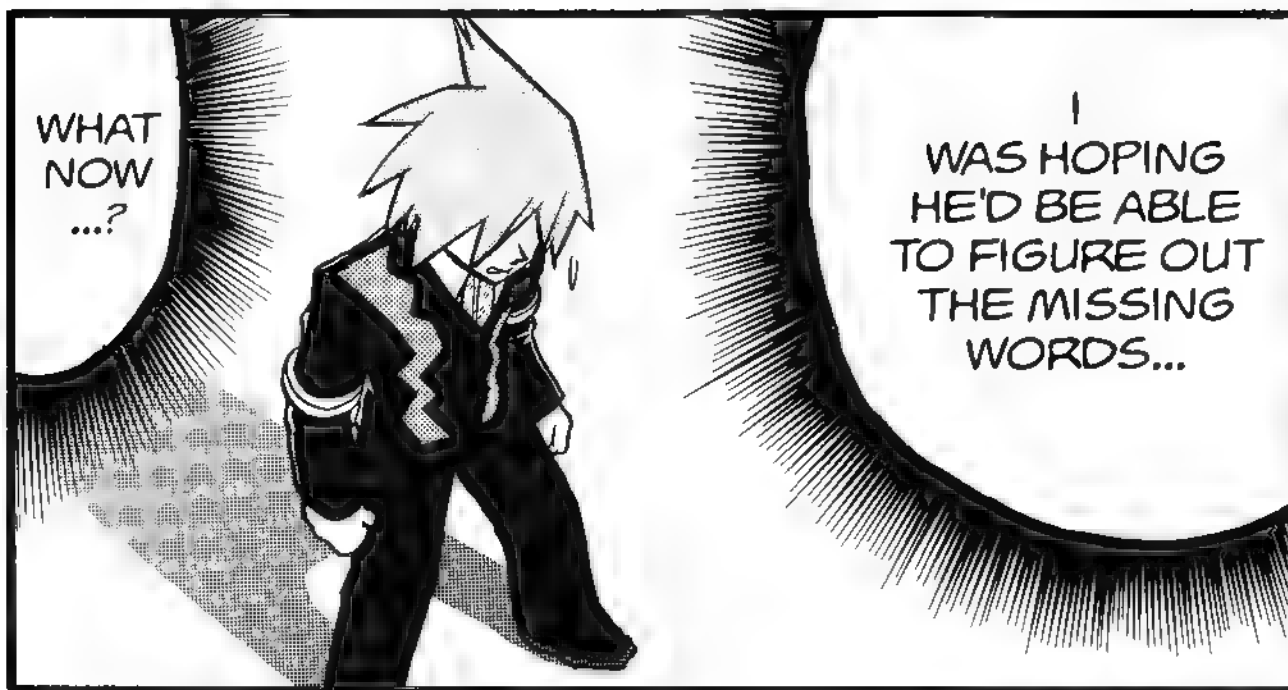
AND
REGICE!

REGI-
STEEL
...

REGI-
ROCK
...

NOW
WE CAN
FINALLY
AWAKEN
...
...THE
THREE
POKÉMON
CAPABLE OF
STOPPING
THESE TWO
POKÉMON
FROM
FIGHTING.



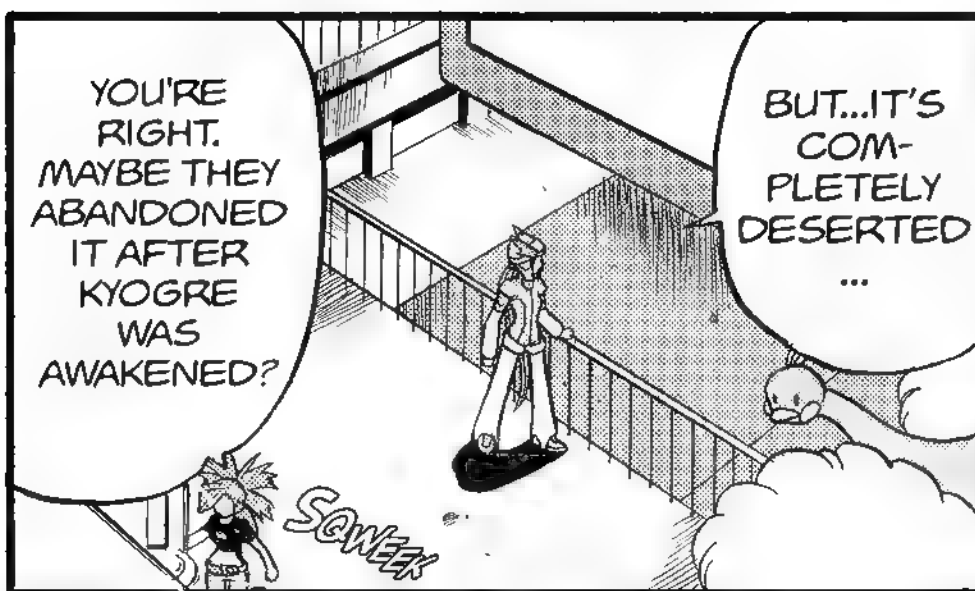


WHAT
NOW
...?

I
WAS HOPING
HE'D BE ABLE
TO FIGURE OUT
THE MISSING
WORDS...



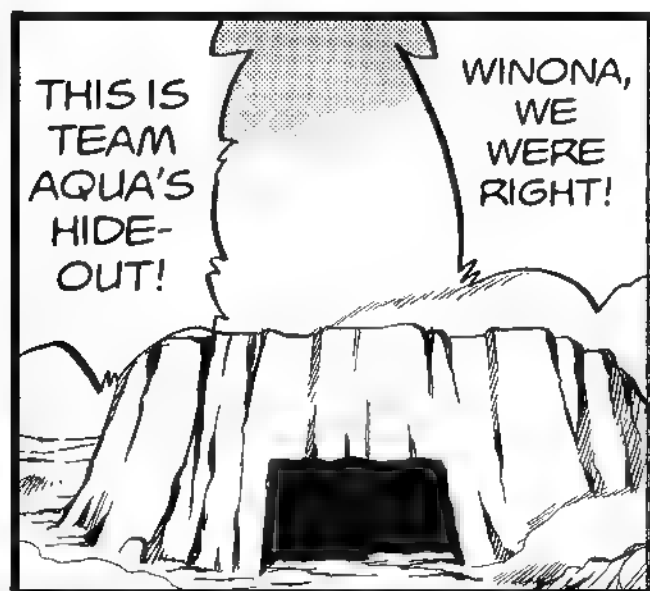
...



YOU'RE
RIGHT.
MAYBE THEY
ABANDONED
IT AFTER
KYOGRE
WAS
AWAKENED?

BUT...IT'S
COM-
PLETELY
DESERTED
...

SQUEAK



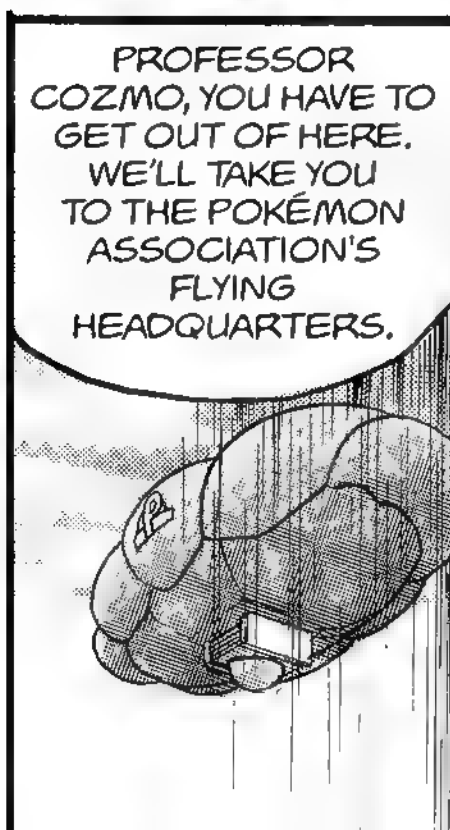
THIS IS
TEAM
AQUA'S
HIDE-
OUT!

WINONA,
WE
WERE
RIGHT!



YES.
I'M SO
GLAD
YOU'RE
ALL
RIGHT...

YOU'RE...
THE ONE
FROM...
MT.
CHIMNEY
...



PROFESSOR
COZMO, YOU HAVE TO
GET OUT OF HERE.
WE'LL TAKE YOU
TO THE POKÉMON
ASSOCIATION'S
FLYING
HEADQUARTERS.

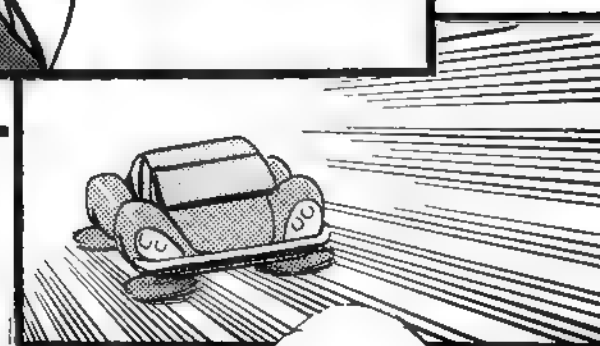
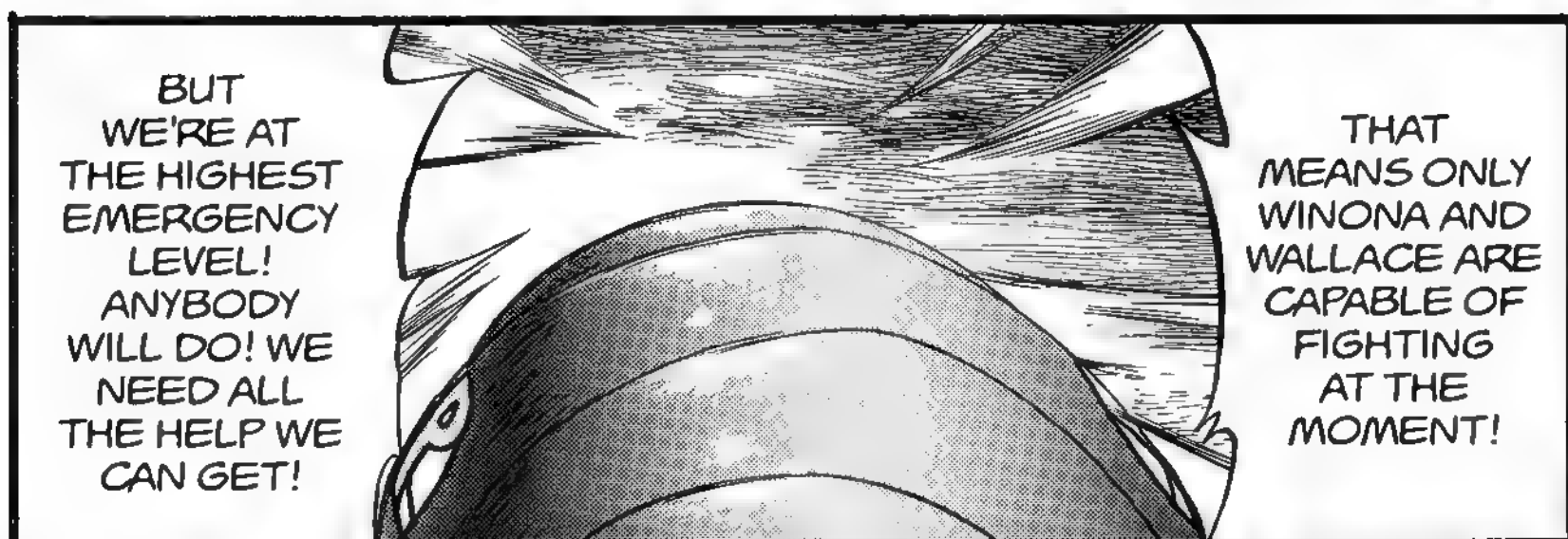
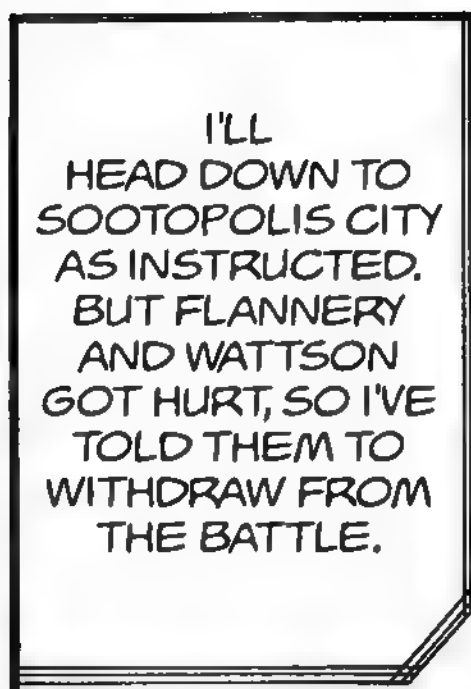
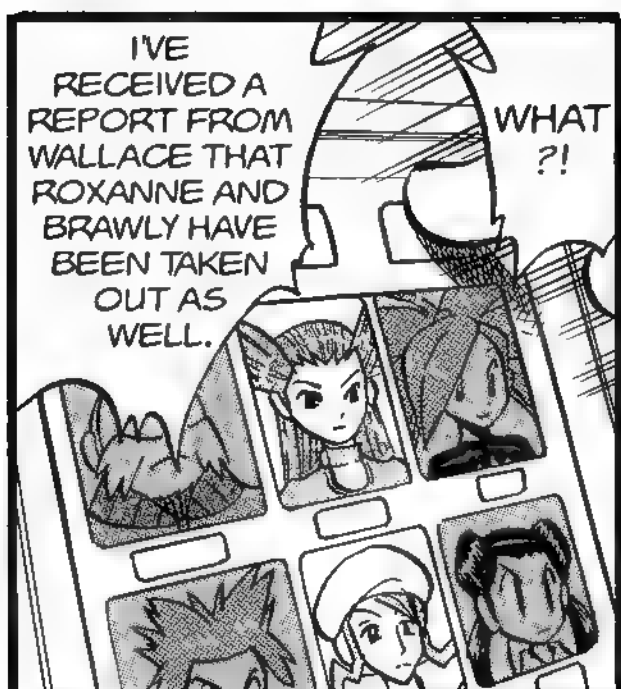


I'M SO, SO
SORRY... THEY
TRICKED ME!
I CAN'T BELIEVE
WHAT I'VE
DONE...



PROFES-
SOR
COZMO!







TO THE
FINAL
BATTLE-
GROUND!



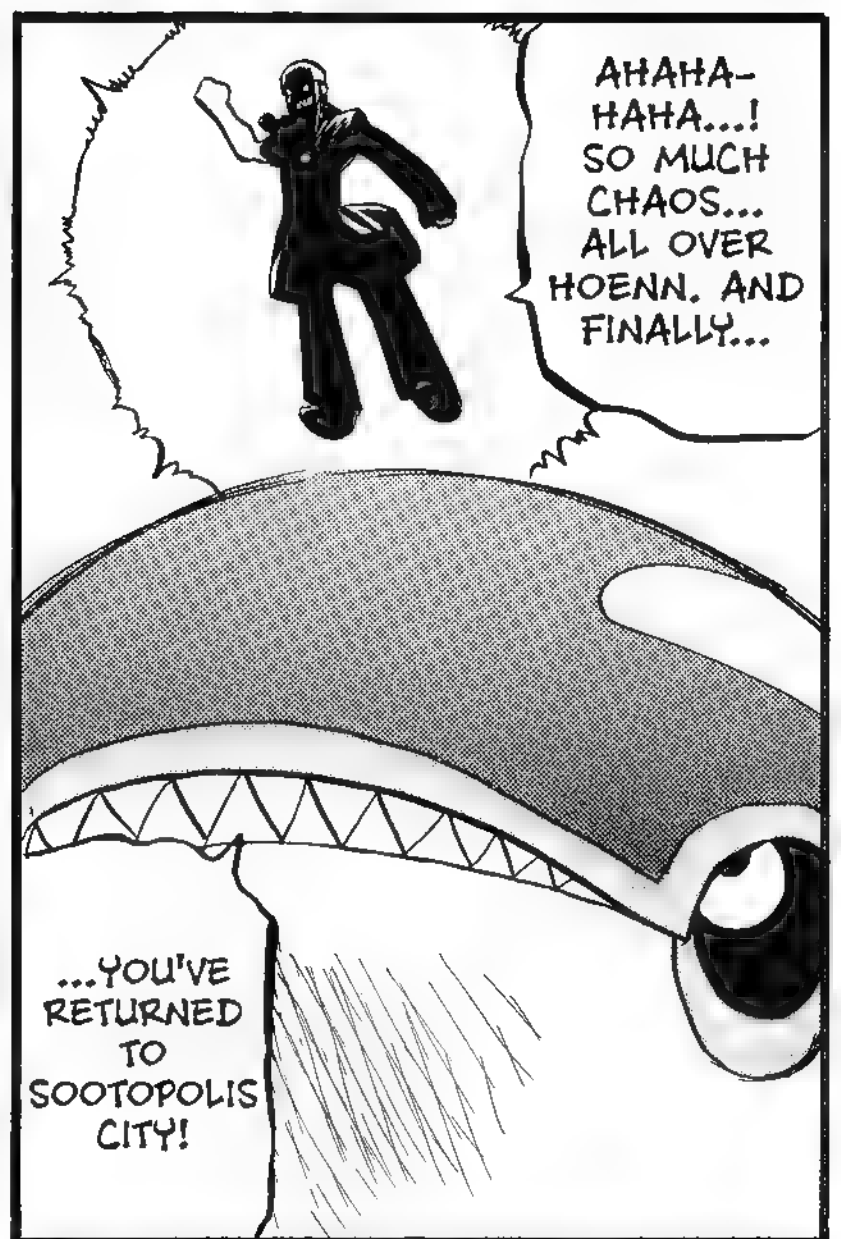
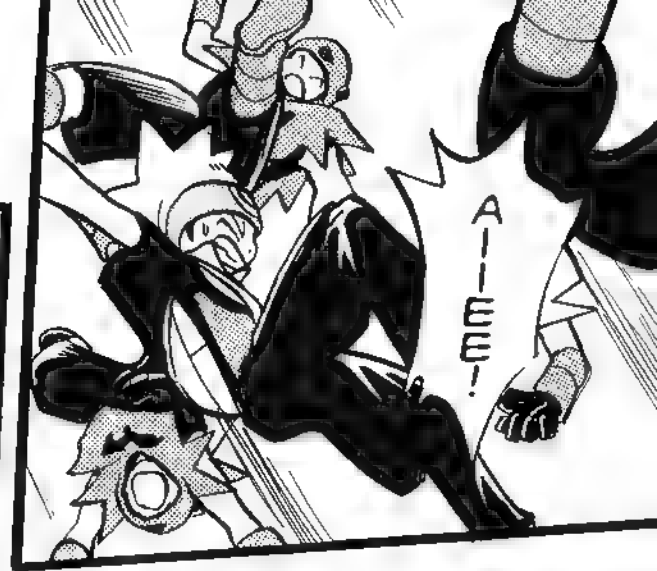
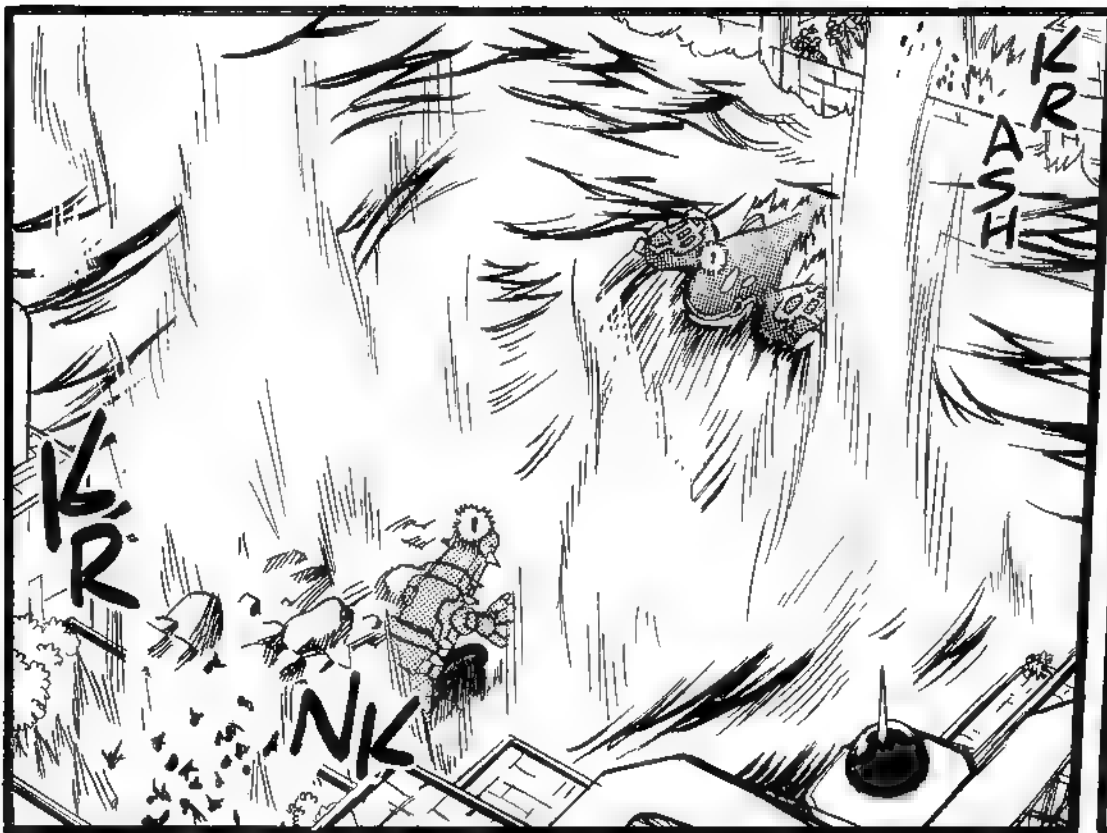
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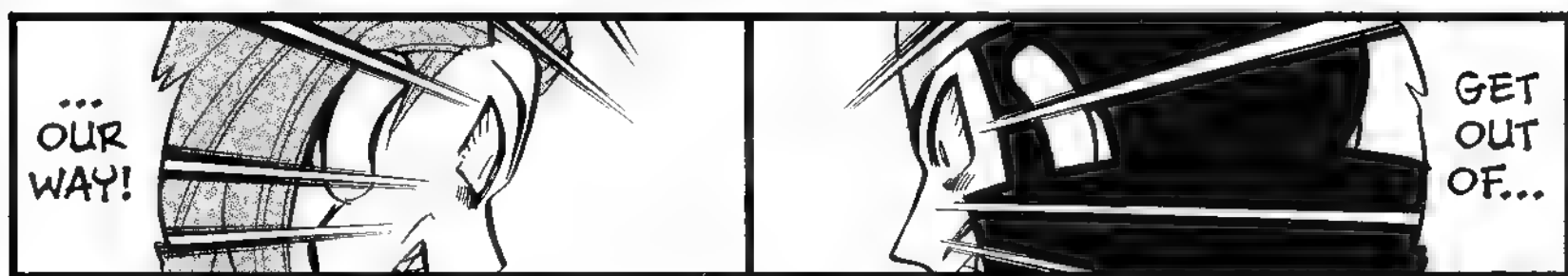


AHH!... BLOODON...



AAHH!... BLOODON...







SO THIS
IS THE
LEGENDARY
BATTLE...

HEY, TY!
ISNT
THERE
ANY-
THING
WE CAN
DO TO
HELP?!

THEY'RE
ON
OPPOSITE
SIDES
OF THE
BATTLE-
GROUND!

PLEASE,
ABSOL!
DO
SOME-
THING!

WHAT
ABOUT
SAP-
PHIRE?

I
FOUND
HIM!
THERE'S
RUBY!

WHERE
ARE
RUBY
AND
SAP-
PHIRE?

ROO A
ARRA
IT'S
DEVAS-
TATING!

THE FORCE OF
THOSE TWO
POKÉMON
STRUGGLING
AGAINST EACH
OTHER... IT'S
TEARING THE
WORLD APART!

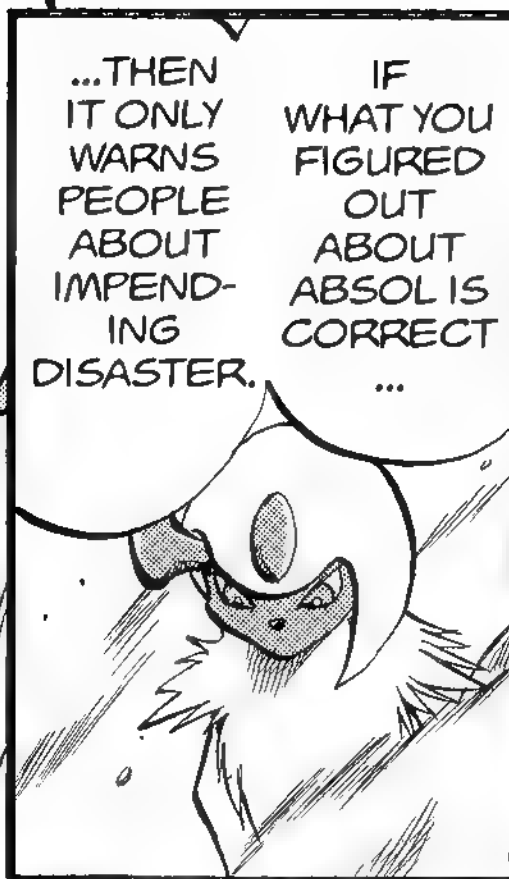


THANK
YOU,
ABSOL!
YOU'RE
ON OUR
SIDE
AFTER
ALL!





IT'S A
POKÉMON,
A PART OF
THE NATURAL
WORLD... ALL
IT CAN DO
IS OBSERVE
WHAT TAKES
PLACE...

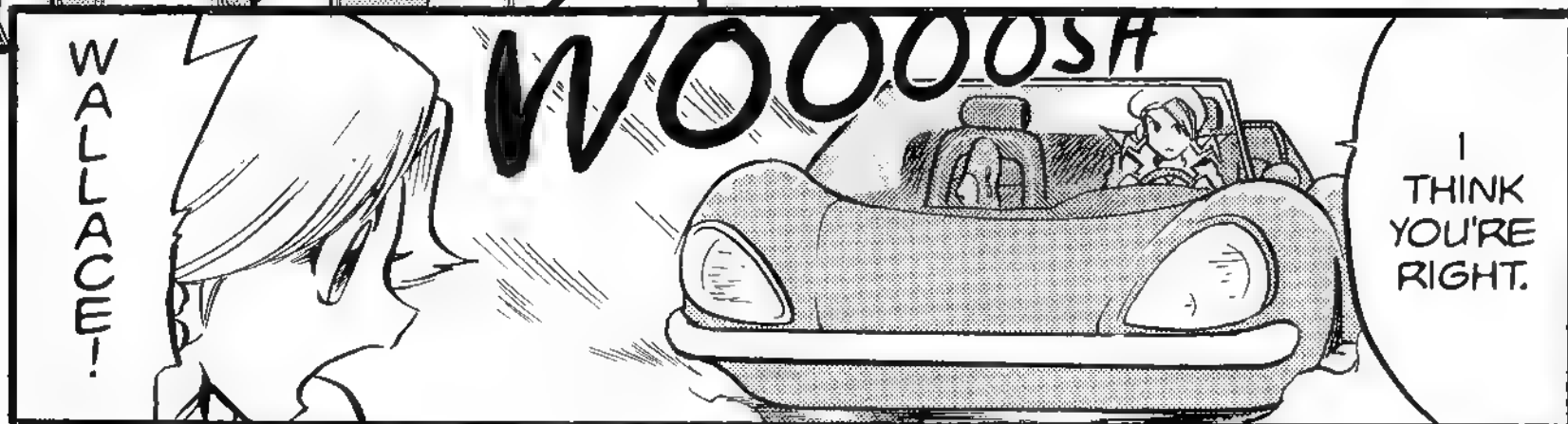


...THEN
IT ONLY
WARNS
PEOPLE
ABOUT
IMPENDING
DISASTER.

IF
WHAT YOU
FIGURED
OUT
ABOUT
ABSOL IS
CORRECT
...



I THINK YOU'RE
BARKING UP THE
WRONG TREE,
GABBY... ABSOL
HELPED US, BUT...
IT'S NOT ON
ANYONE'S SIDE.



WALLACE--

WOOSH

I
THINK
YOU'RE
RIGHT.



RUBY
AND I WILL
STOP THIS
BATTLE
OURSELVES!



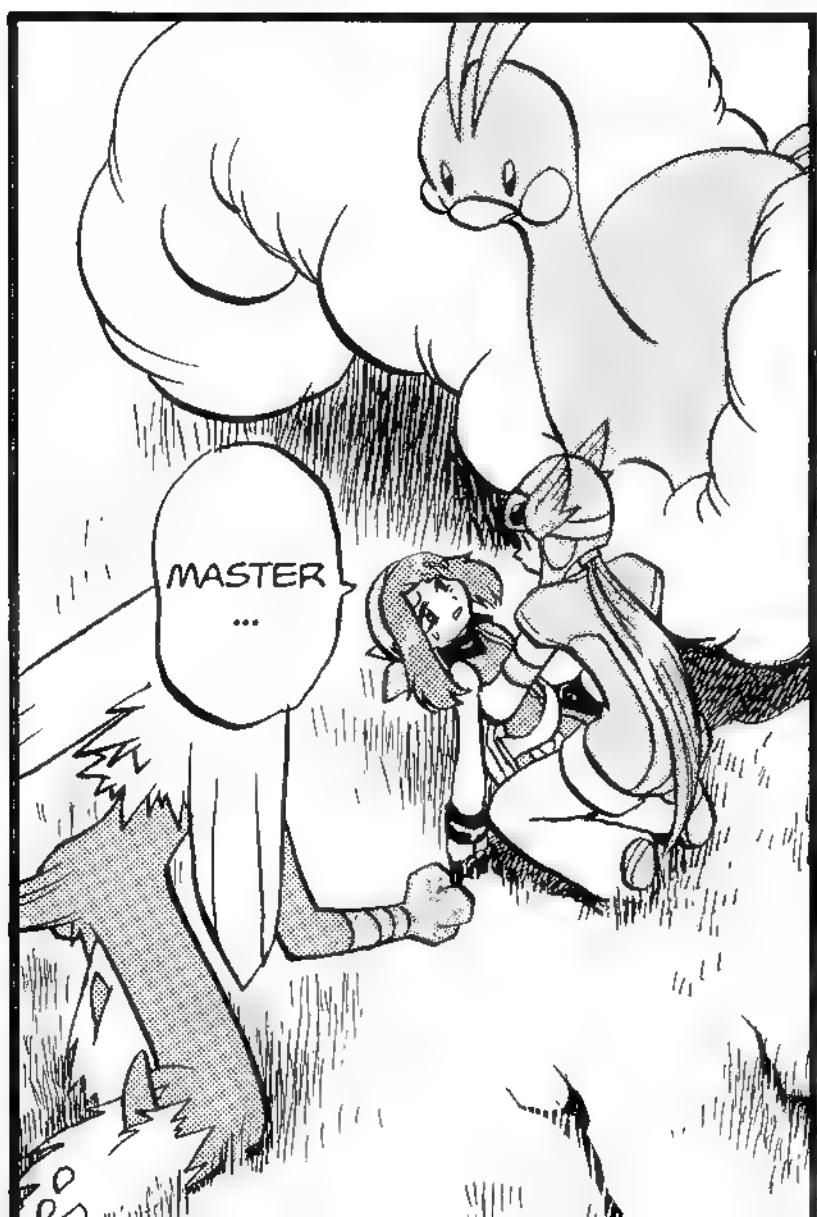
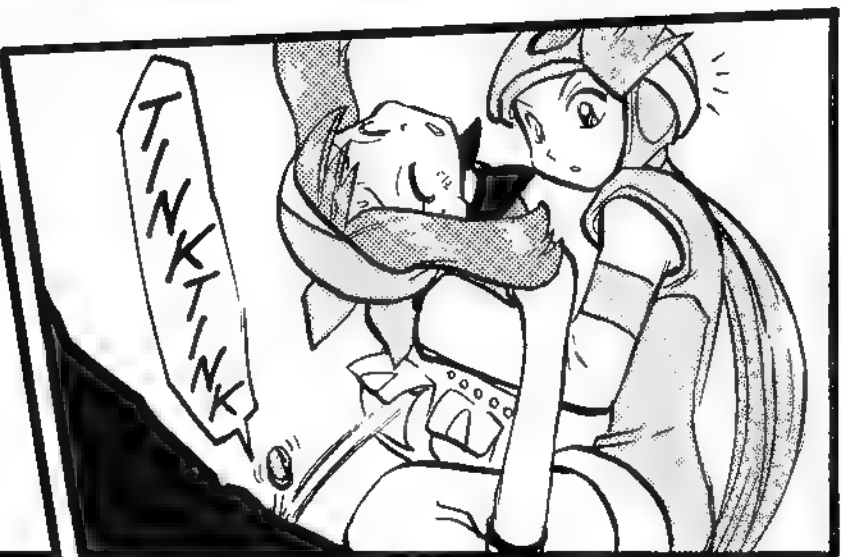
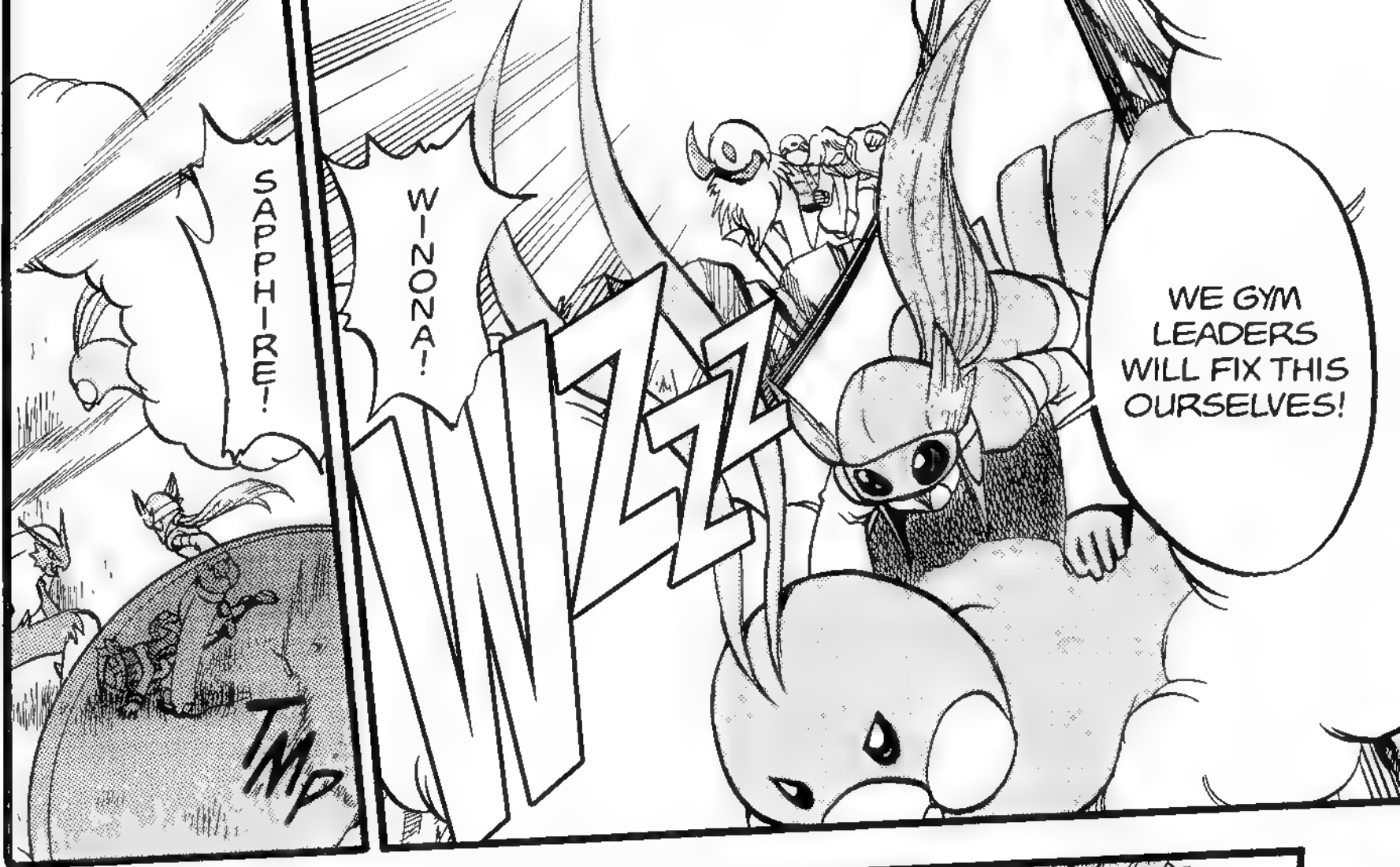
THAT'S
RIGHT
...!

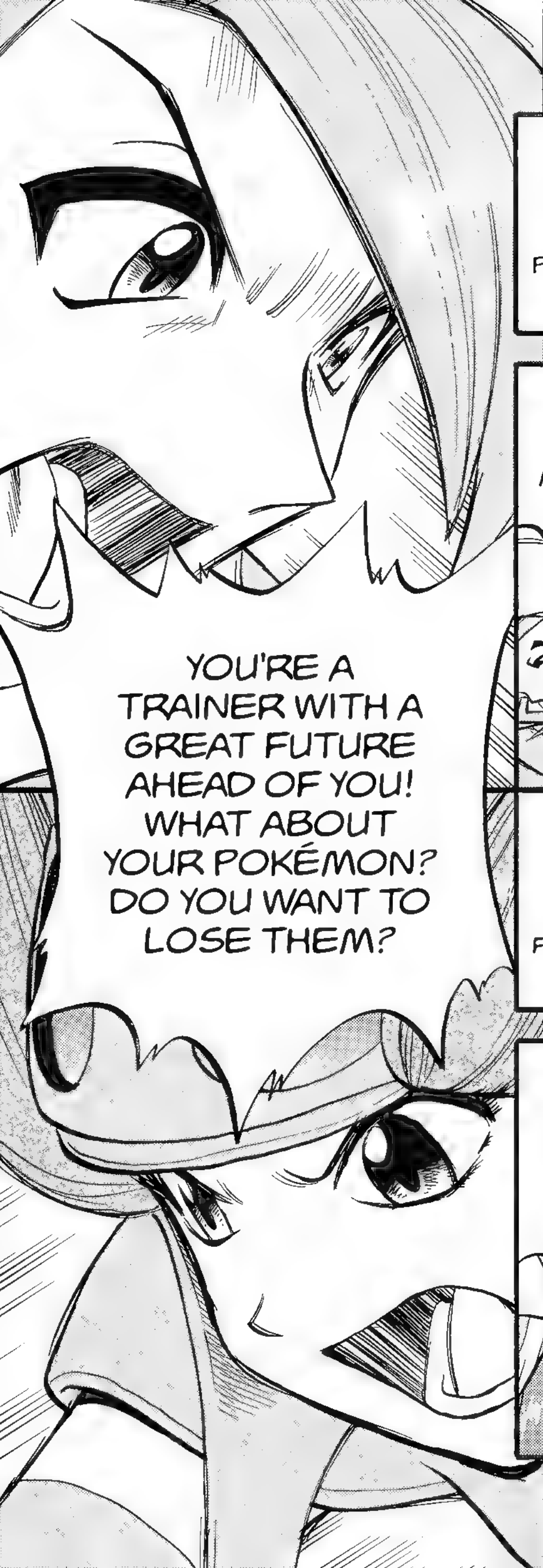
FLAP FLAP



THIS
DISASTER
WAS
CAUSED BY
PEOPLE.

WE
CAN'T ASK
POKÉMON
TO SOLVE IT
FOR US.





YOU'RE A
TRAINER WITH A
GREAT FUTURE
AHEAD OF YOU!
WHAT ABOUT
YOUR POKÉMON?
DO YOU WANT TO
LOSE THEM?

THEY'VE
MERGED
WITH THE
ANCIENT
POKÉMON!

I'M
SORRY...
WE
FAILED.
WE DIDN'T
GET THE
ORBS
BACK.

DON'T
GIVE UP!
THERE
MUST BE
A WAY!

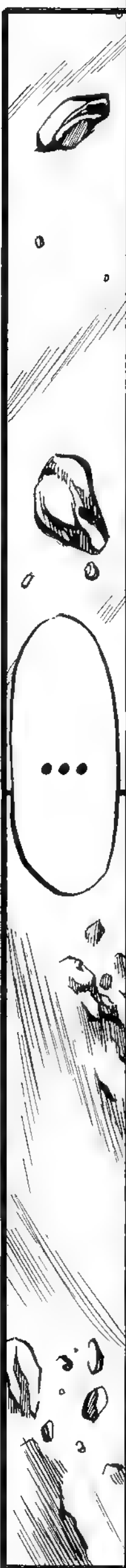
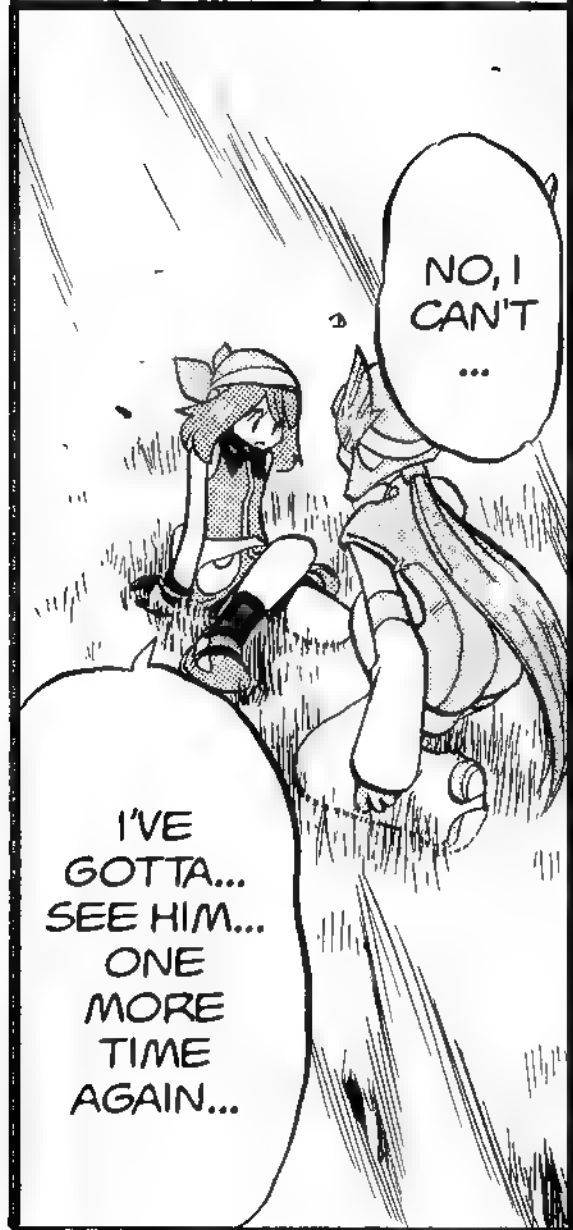
WE
CAN'T
FIGHT THEM.
THEY'RE TOO
POWERFUL
NOW!


THERE
AIN'T
NOTHIN'
WE CAN
DO TO
FIGHT 'EM
NOW...

I'M REAL
SORRY...
WE
WEREN'T
STRONG
ENOUGH.

DON'T
GIVE UP!
DO YOU
REALLY
WANT
TO FALL
HERE?

GO
AHEAD
AND
ESCAPE
WITHOUT
US,
MASTER!



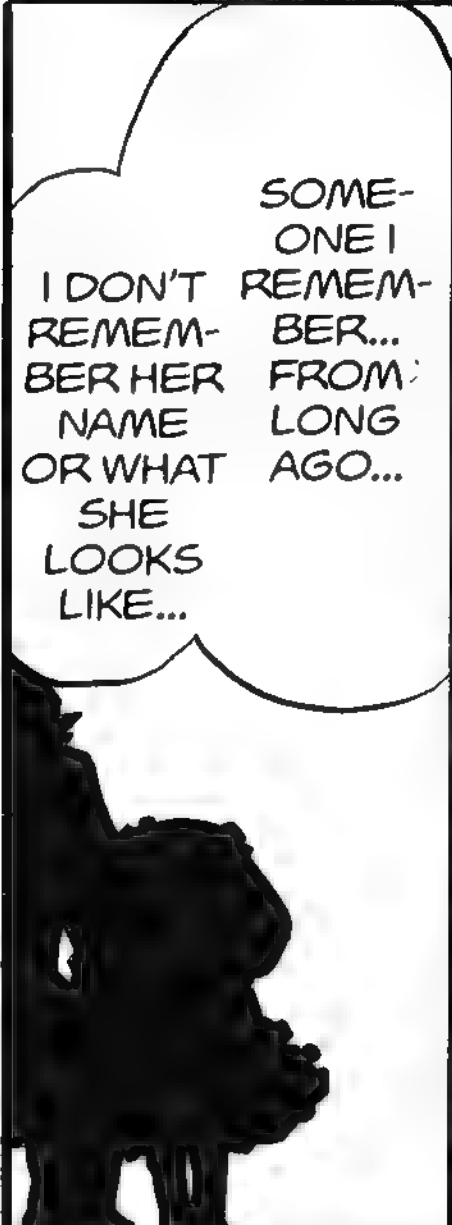


WE
WERE ONLY
TOGETHER
FOR A COUPLE
OF DAYS... BUT
THOSE WERE
THE BEST
DAYS OF MY
LIFE!



SHE
WAS THE
DAUGHTER
OF A
FRIEND
OF MY
FATHER...

I
TAGGED
ALONG TO
CHEER ON
MY DAD.
HE WAS
TRYING
OUT TO
BE A GYM
LEADER...




I DON'T
REMEM-
BER HER
NAME
OR WHAT
SHE
LOOKS
LIKE...

SOME-
ONE I
REMEM-
BER...
FROM
LONG
AGO...



I HAVE TO
SEE HER...
ONE MORE
TIME AGAIN...
BECAUSE
THERE'S
SOMETHING...
I HAVE TO
TELL HER...



WE
WERE ONLY
TOGETHER
FOR A COUPLE
OF DAYS... BUT
THOSE WERE
THE BEST
DAYS OF MY
LIFE!



HE
WAS
THE
SON
OF MY
DAD'S
FRIEND
...

...AND I
VISITED
THEM
WITH
MY
DAD...

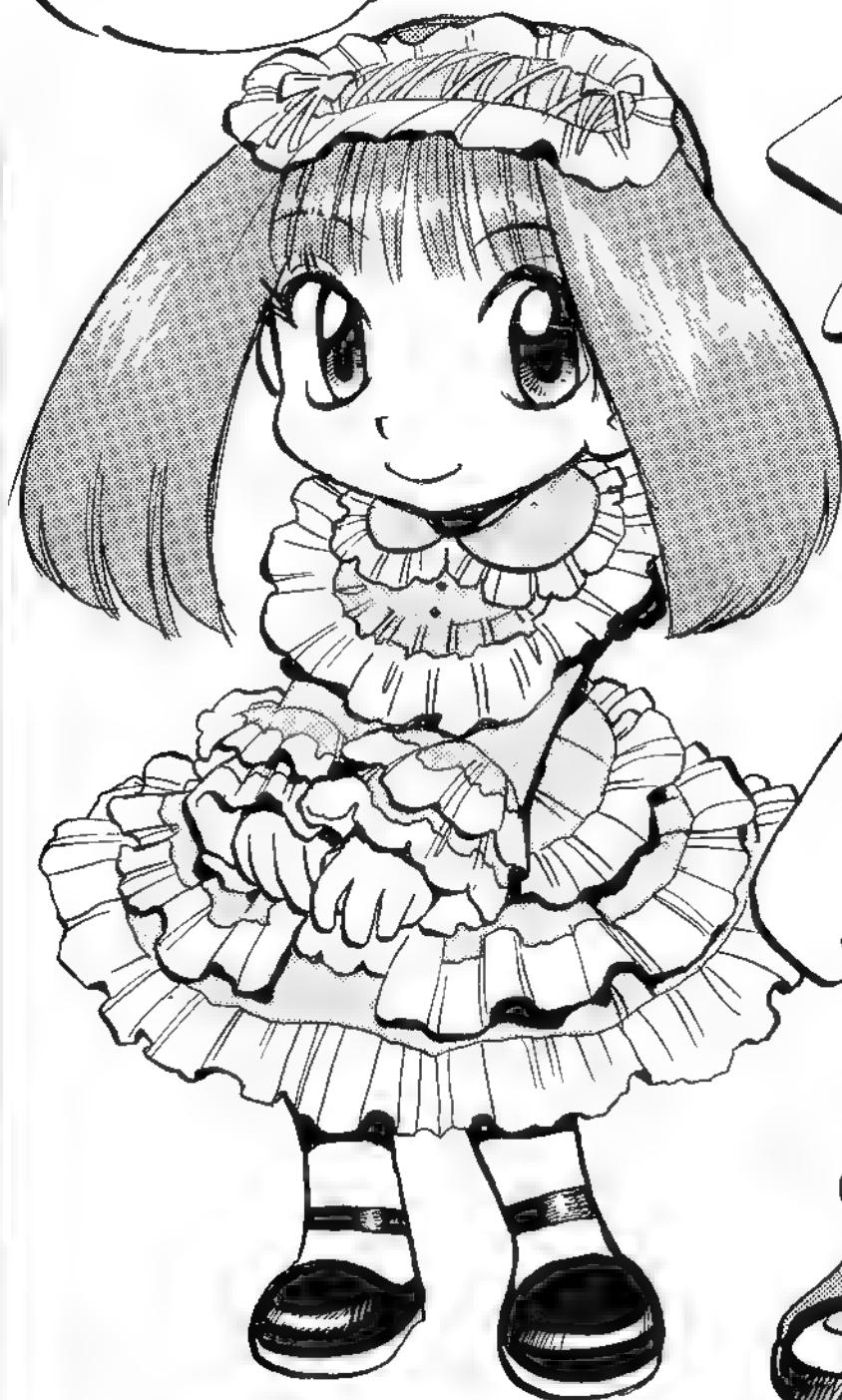
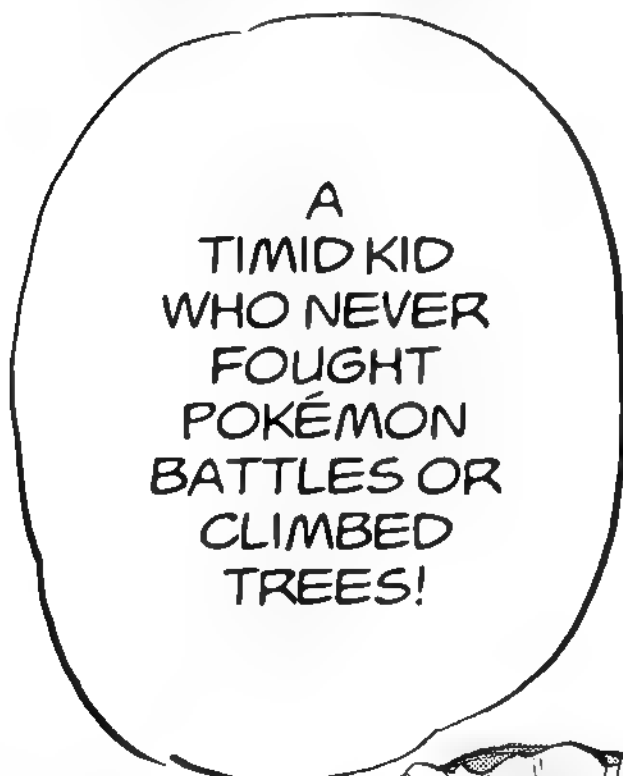


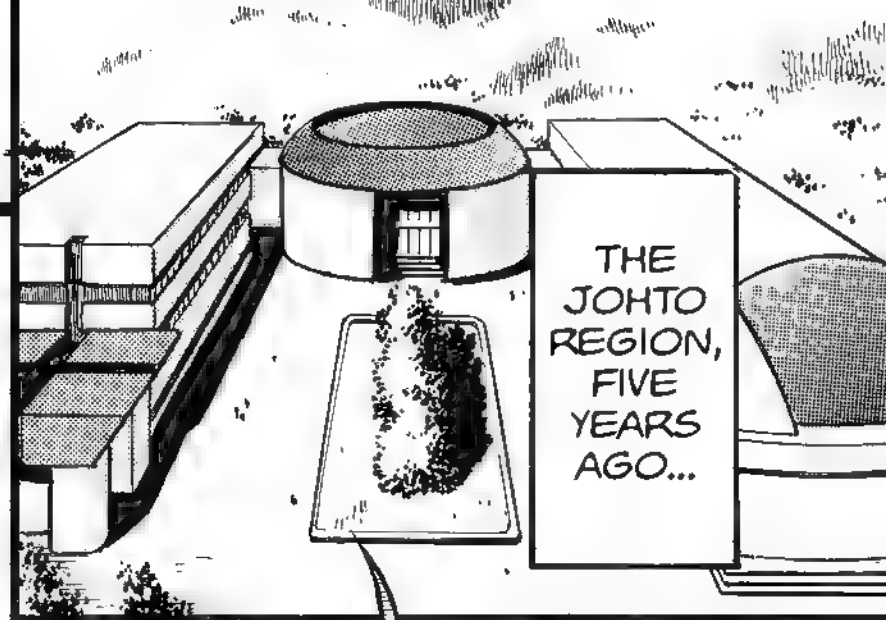
I
CAN'T
PICTURE
HIS
FACE
AND I
DON'T
REMEM-
BER HIS
NAME...

THERE'S
THIS GUY
I REMEM-
BER FROM
WHEN I
WAS A KID.



I
HAFTA SEE
HIM... 'CAUSE
I'VE GOT
SOMETHING...
TO TELL HIM...





THE
JOHTO
REGION,
FIVE
YEARS
AGO...



TODAY'S
THE DAY
YOU'LL
BECOME
A GYM
LEADER!

YOUR
DREAM
WILL
FINALLY
COME
TRUE!

...THE TRYOUT
HASN'T EVEN
STARTED YET.

YOU
DON'T
KNOW IT,
BUT...



OH, YOU'RE
ALL SMILES,
NORMAN! HEY,
YOU SHOULD
COME TO THE
HOENN REGION!

HEH!

OH NO.
I'D GO
ANYWHERE
WITH HIM.



I BET
YOU'RE MORE
WORRIED
ABOUT WHICH
GYM HE'LL BE
ASSIGNED
TO ONCE HE
PASSES HIS
TRYOUT.

JUST
KIDDING!

HOW
COULD
NORMAN
FAIL THIS
TEST?

OF COURSE!
THEY GET
ALONG LIKE
PEANUT
BUTTER AND
JELLY. THEY'VE
ONLY JUST MET,
BUT THEY'RE
ALREADY
THE BEST OF
FRIENDS.

IS MY DAUGH-
TER
WITH
HIM?

PLAYING
OVER THERE.
HE REALLY
ENJOYS THE
GREAT
OUTDOORS.

WHERE'S
RUBY?

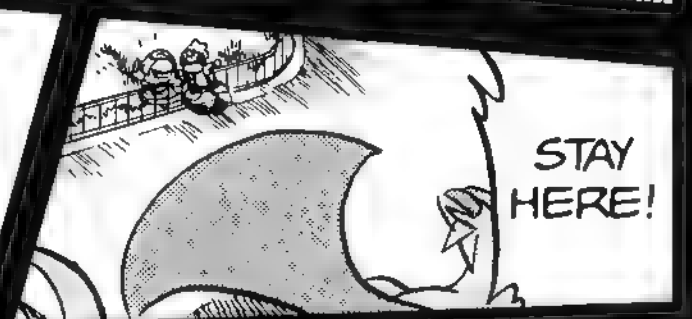
HE
WAS VERY
ATHLETIC
AND
GENTLE-
MANLY...
ALSO SUPER
COOL.

SHE
WAS VERY
POLITE AND
LADYLIKE...
ALSO SUPER
CUTE.

BUT THEN...
SOMETHING
HAPPENED...

I'D NEVER
HAD SO
MUCH FUN
IN MY LIFE!



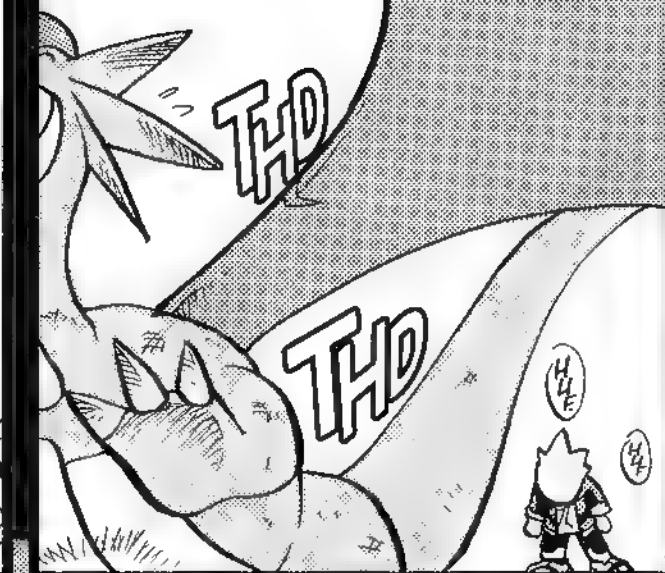




DON'T
WORRY!
YOU'RE
SAFE
NOW!



I
WON!



I GOT
RID OF THAT
SALAMENCE
FOR YOU!



WAHHH
...
SNIFF...

OWW...





SCARY
...

HE
HELPED ME...
BUT THEN
I HURT HIS
FEELINGS!

SHE
WASN'T
SCARED
OF THE
SALAMENCE.
SHE WAS
SCARED OF
ME.

AFTER THAT,
MY FATHER
GOT REALLY
BUSY WITH HIS
RESEARCH.

I LEARNED A
LOT ABOUT
POKÉMON BY
HELPING HIM
WITH IT.

AFTER THAT, MY
FATHER WASN'T
HOME MUCH...

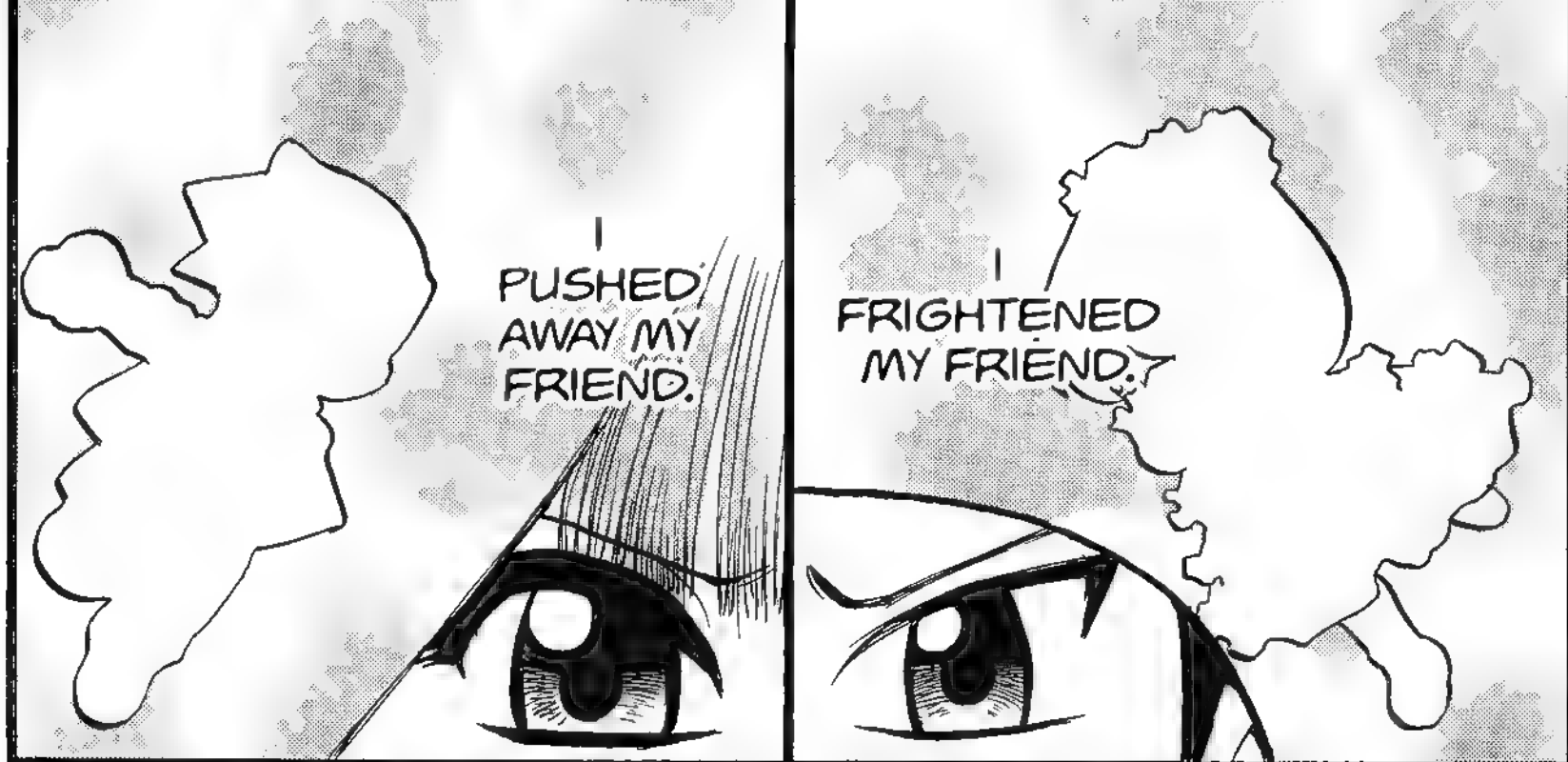
HE FAILED
HIS TRYOUT, SO
AFTER THAT HE
SPENT ALL HIS
TIME TRAINING.

I
HURT MY
FRIEND
'CAUSE...

...I WAS
WEAK AND
COULDN'T
PROTECT
MYSELF.

...BECAUSE
OF THAT
POKÉMON
BATTLE.

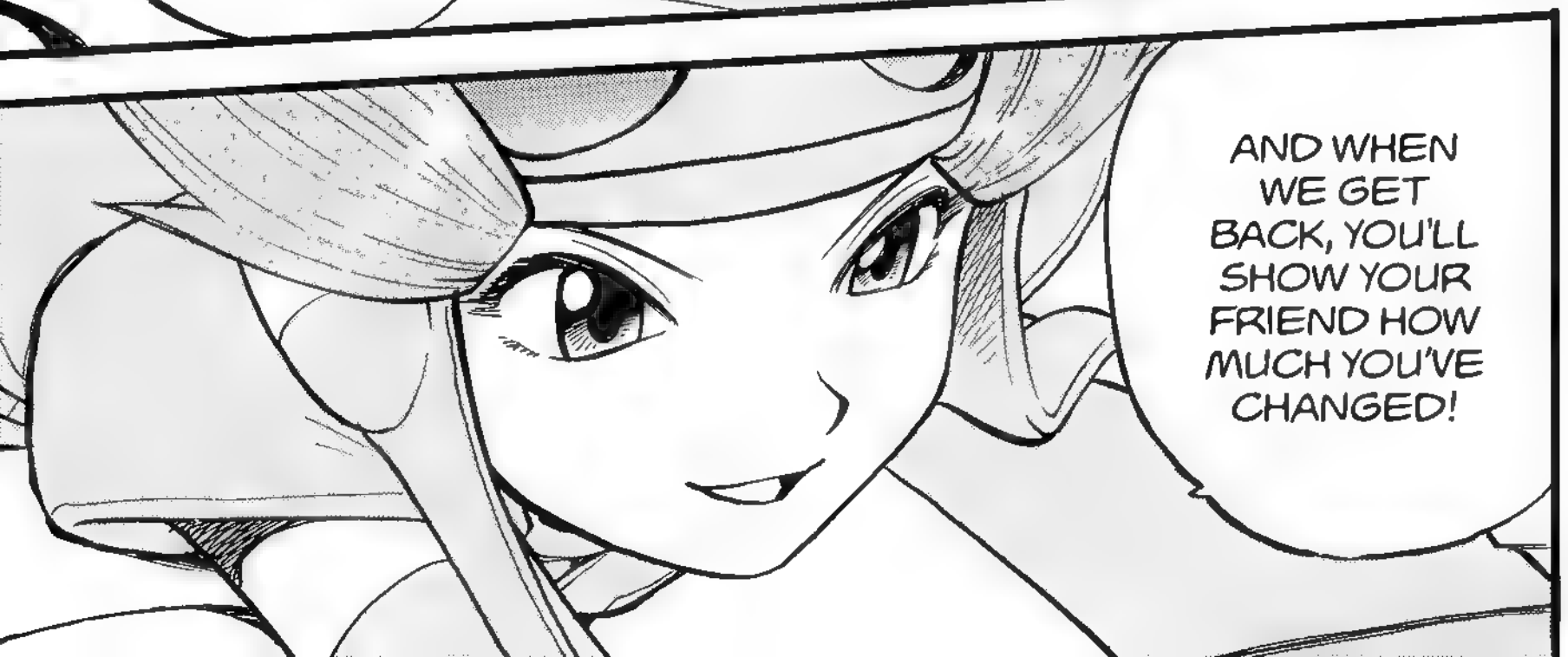
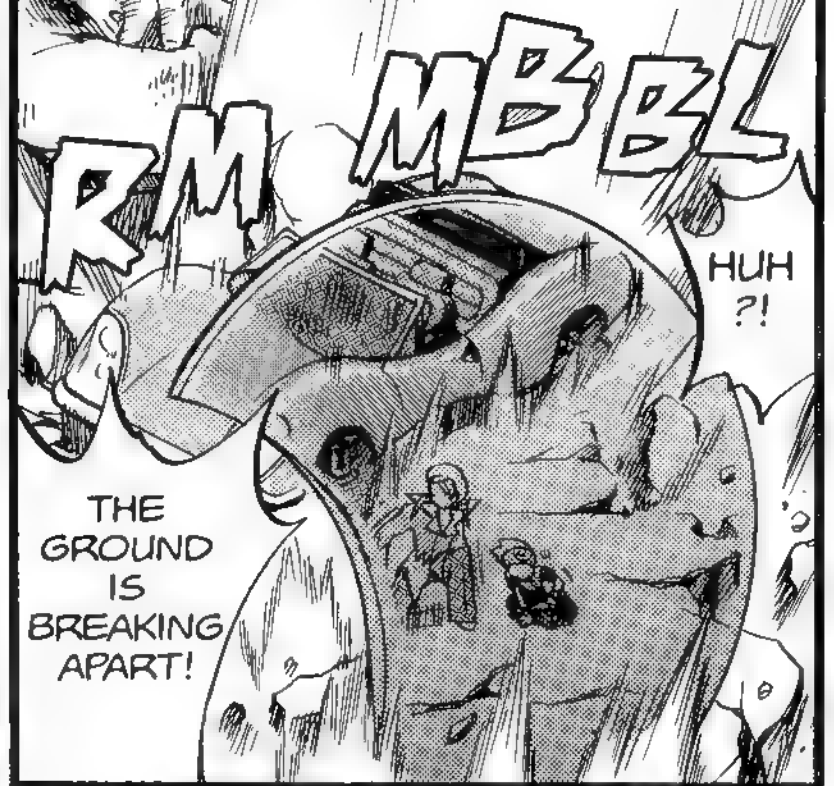
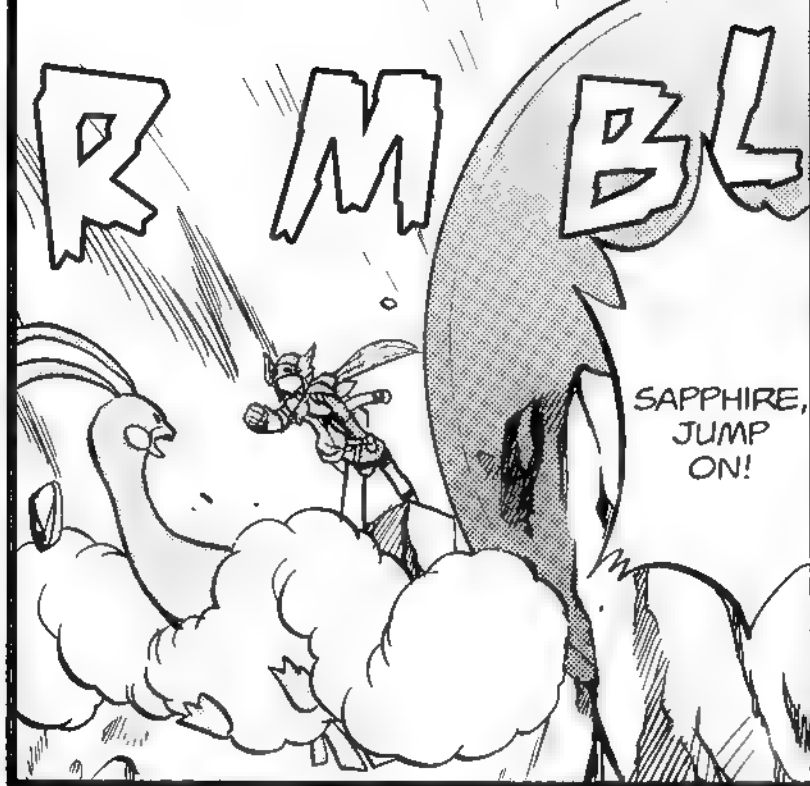
I
LOST A
FRIEND...

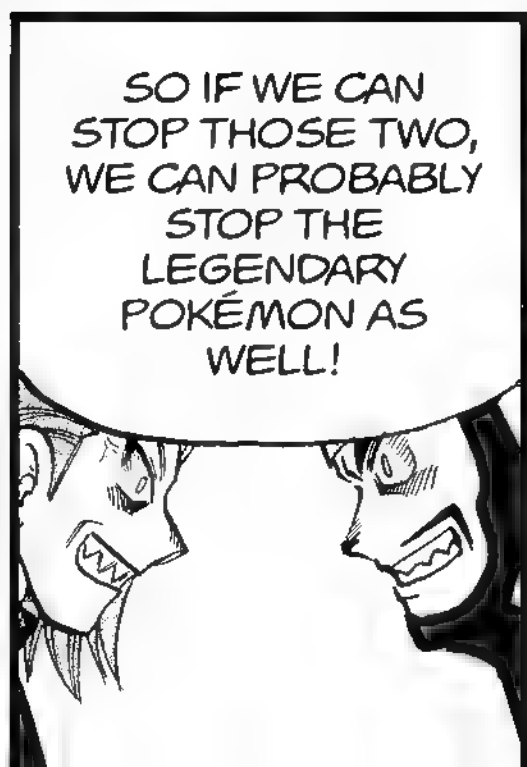
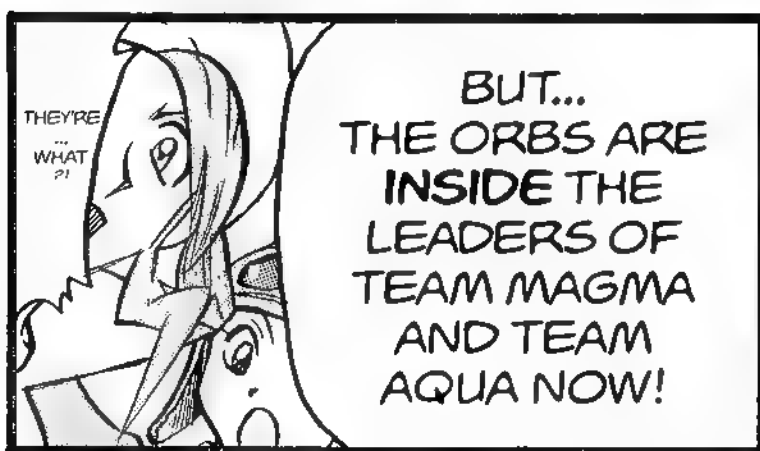
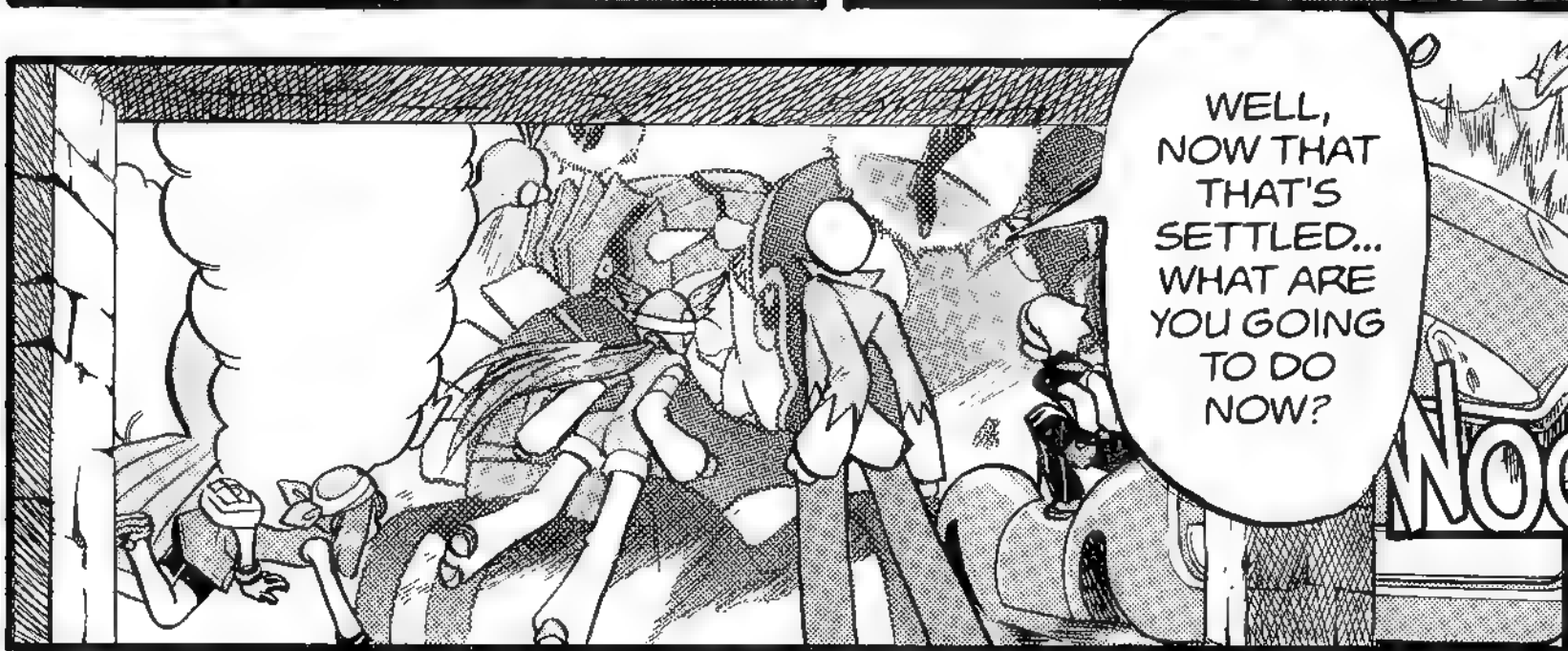


AND
THAT'S
WHEN I
DECIDED...



I WANT TO
SHOW MY
FRIEND HOW
MUCH I'VE
CHANGED!

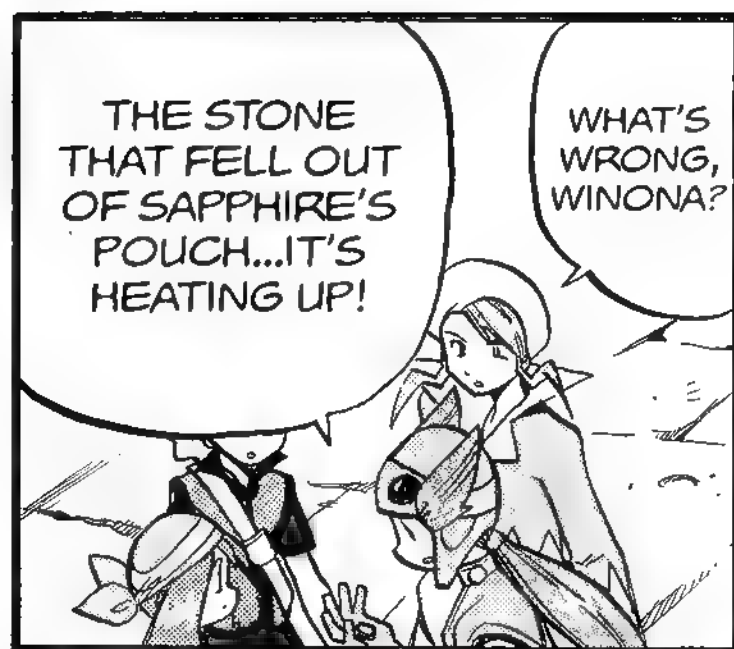






SAPPHIRE!
WHERE DID
YOU GET
THIS?!

AT MT.
CHIMNEY.
TEAM AQUA
MUST HAVE
DROPPED IT.



THE STONE
THAT FELL OUT
OF SAPPHIRE'S
POUCH...IT'S
HEATING UP!

WHAT'S
WRONG,
WINONA?



IT'S...A
PIECE
OF...THAT
METEOR-
ITE!

WHAT
?!



WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN,
MASTER?

HMM... WE
MIGHT BE
ABLE TO
USE THIS
SOMEHOW TO
SEAL THEIR
POWER AWAY!

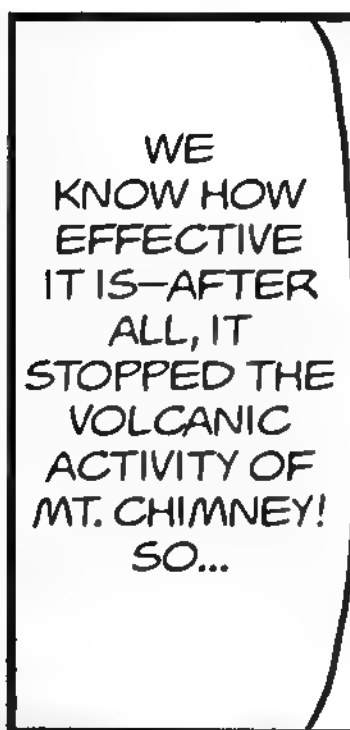


BUT
WHERE
DO WE
AIM?

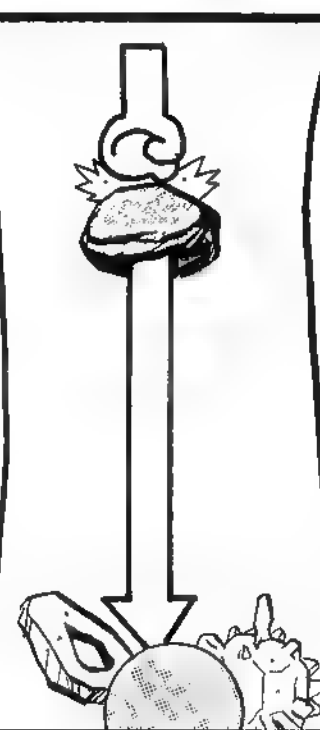


...WE
MIGHT
BE
ABLE
TO
STOP
THEM!

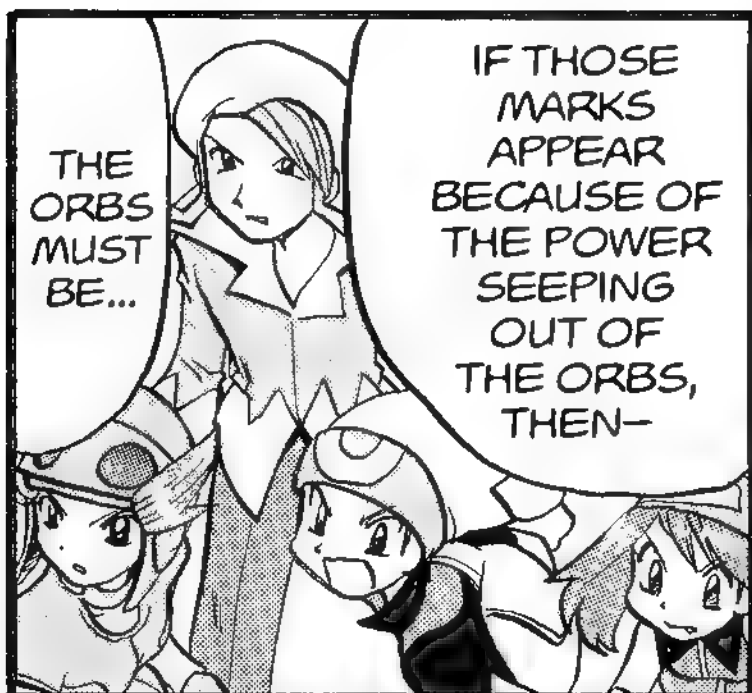
...IF WE
CAN
SOME-
HOW
AIM THE
POWER OF THE
METEORITE
ON THE ORBS
INSIDE
THOSE PEOPLE
...



WE
KNOW HOW
EFFECTIVE
IT IS—AFTER
ALL, IT
STOPPED THE
VOLCANIC
ACTIVITY OF
MT. CHIMNEY!
SO...

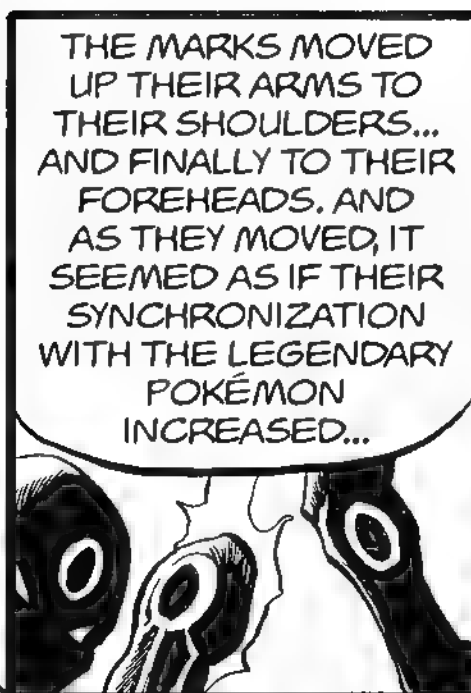


ACCORDING
TO A FRIEND
OF MINE, THE
METEORITE
HAS THE
POWER TO
CANCEL OUT
ANY NATURAL
POWER...



THE ORBS MUST BE...

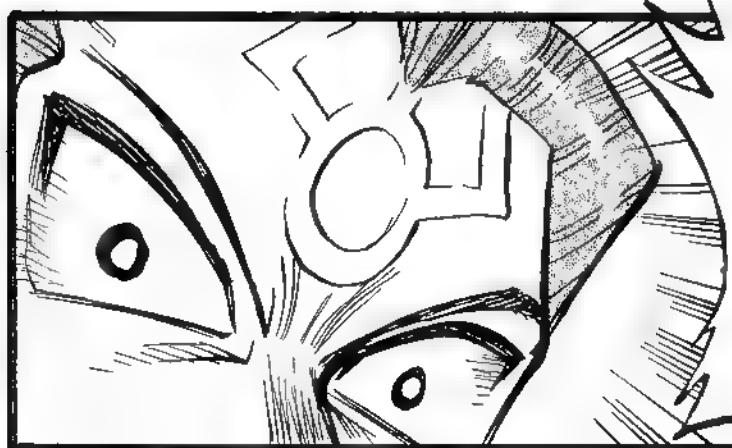
IF THOSE MARKS APPEAR BECAUSE OF THE POWER SEEPING OUT OF THE ORBS, THEN—



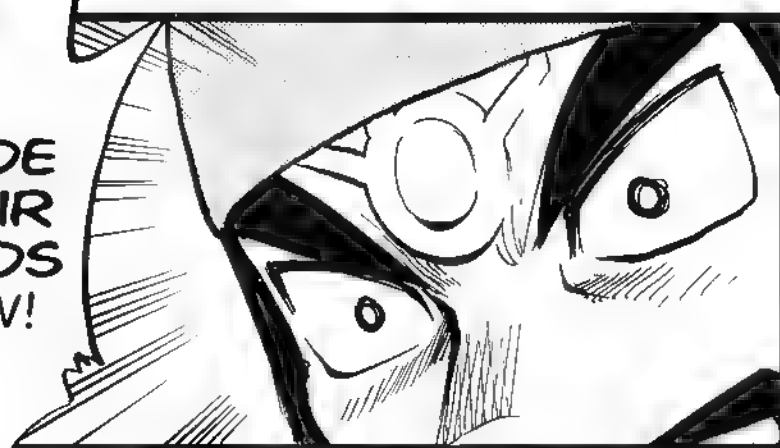
THE MARKS MOVED UP THEIR ARMS TO THEIR SHOULDERS... AND FINALLY TO THEIR FOREHEADS. AND AS THEY MOVED, IT SEEMED AS IF THEIR SYNCHRONIZATION WITH THE LEGENDARY POKÉMON INCREASED...



WEIRD MARKS APPEARED ON THE BACKS OF THEIR HANDS WHEN THE ORBS WERE ABSORBED...

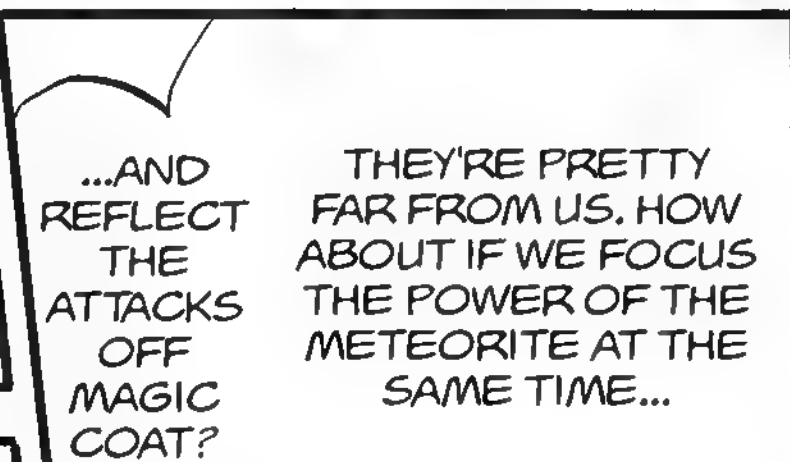


... INSIDE THEIR HEADS NOW!



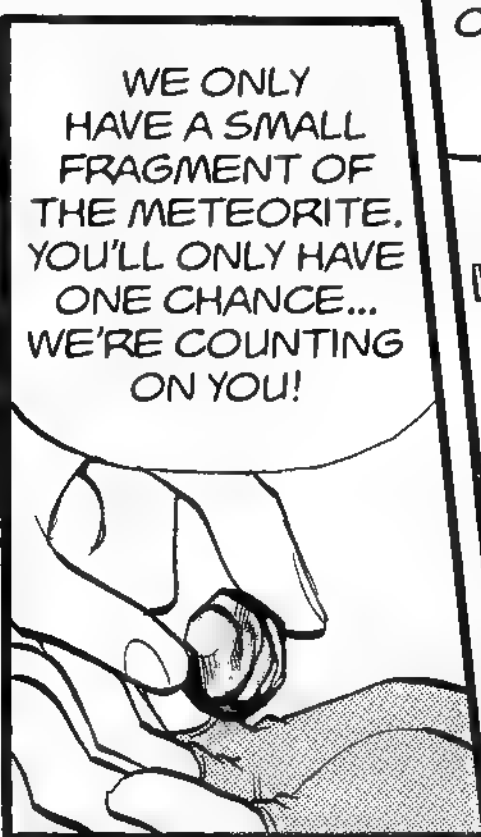
...AND MY ALTARIA.

TO GET THE BEST ANGLE YOU'LL NEED THE HELP OF MY AIR CAR...

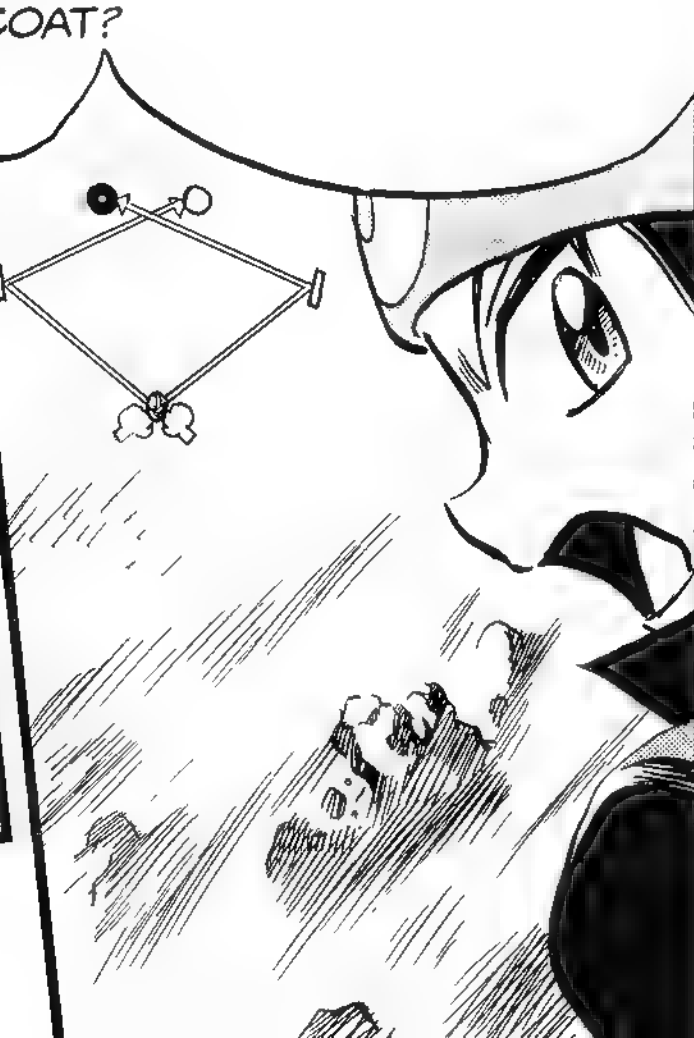


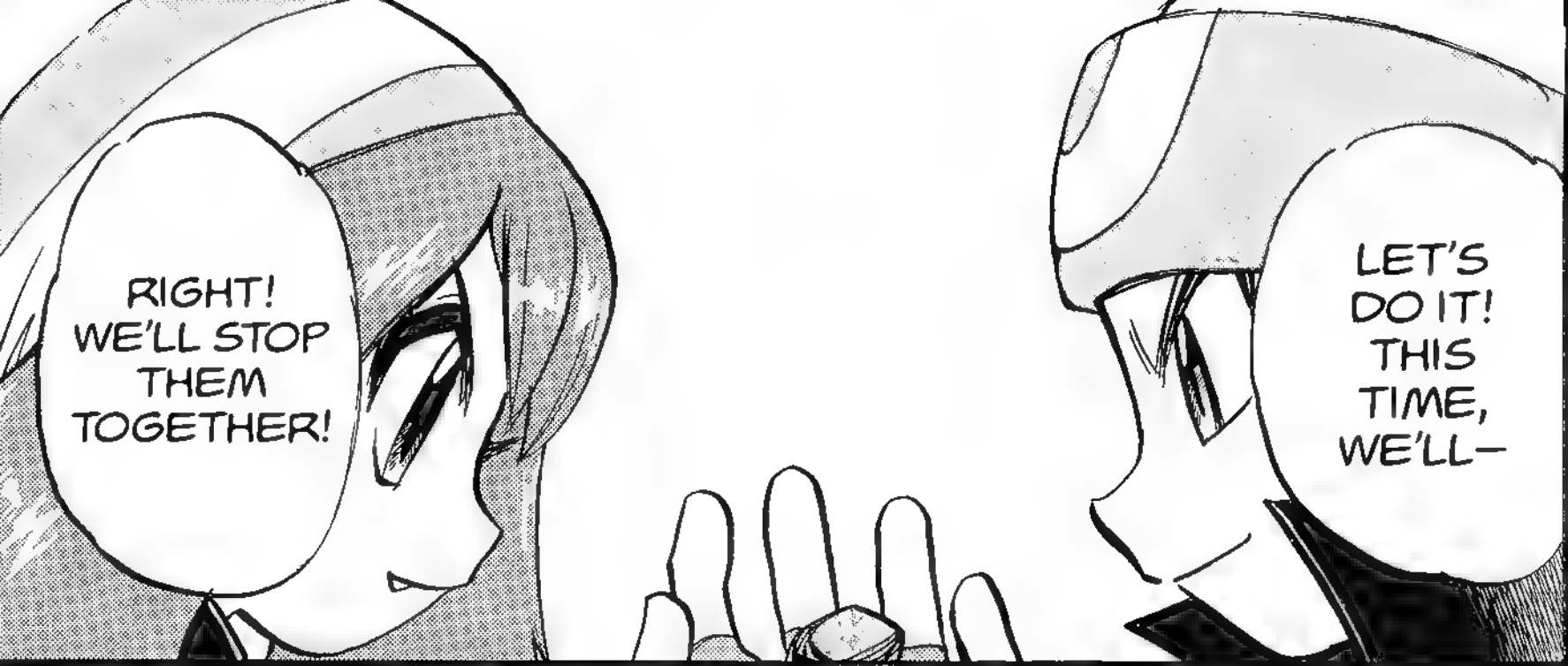
...AND REFLECT THE ATTACKS OFF MAGIC COAT?

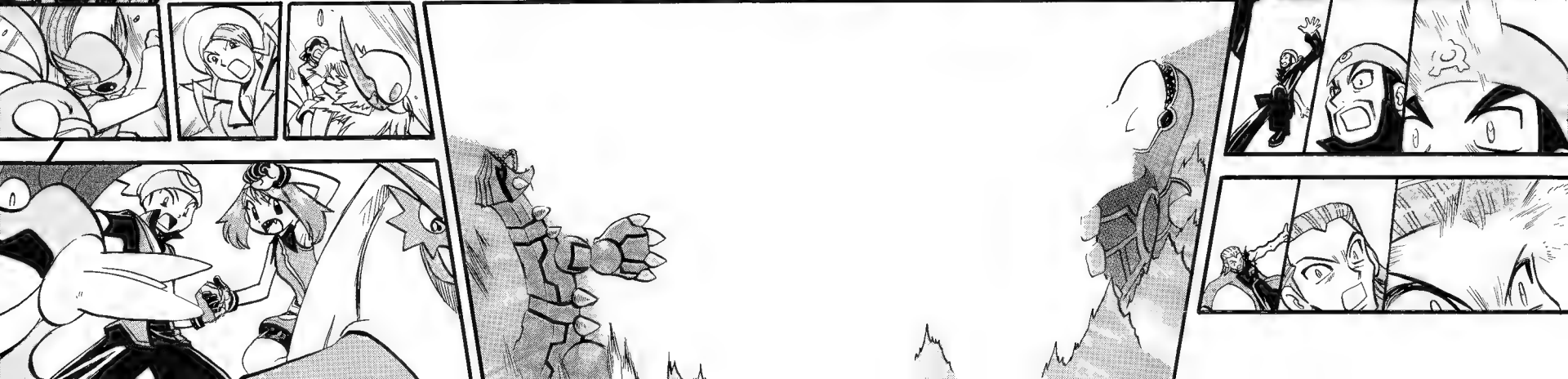
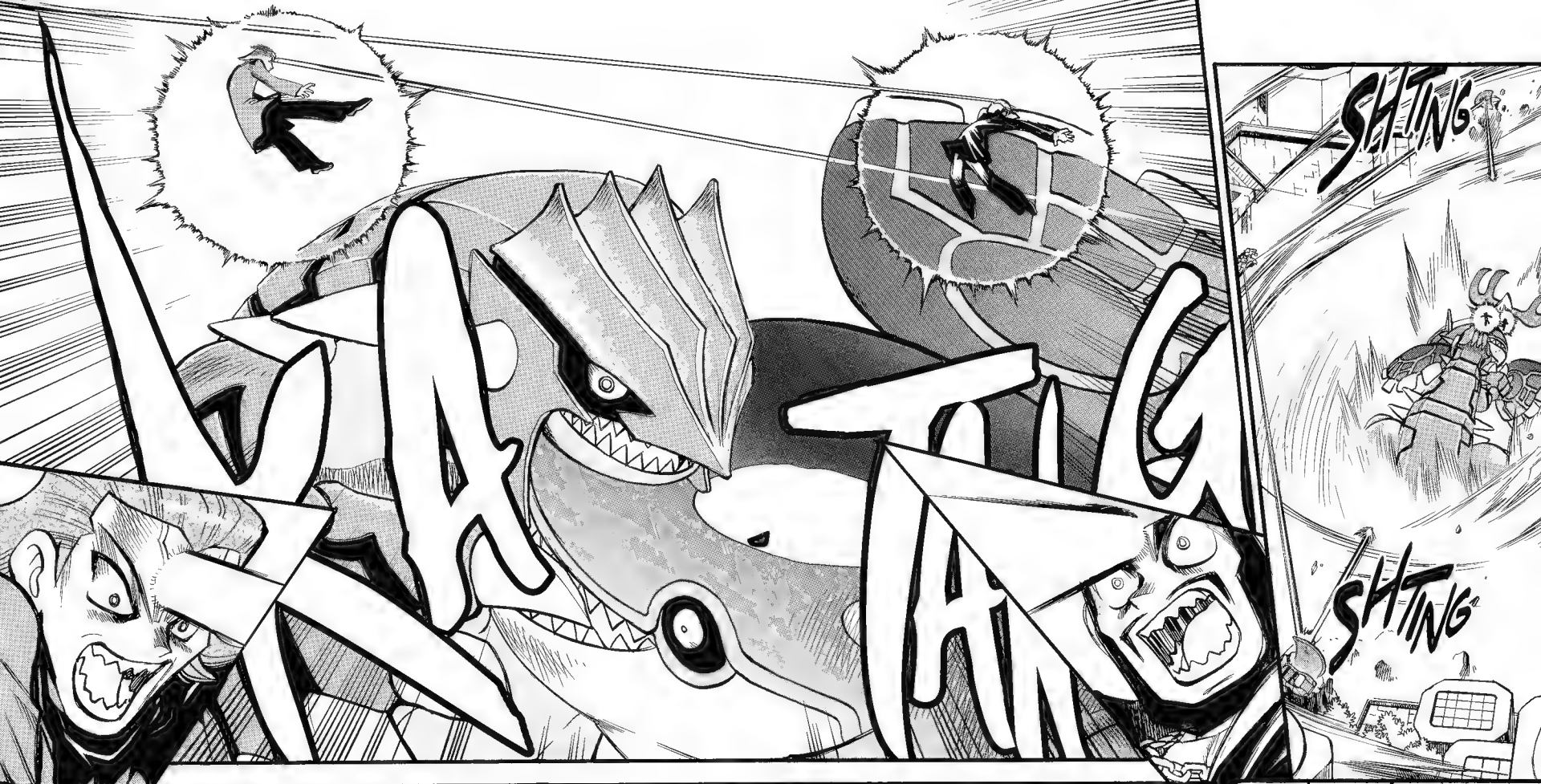
THEY'RE PRETTY FAR FROM US. HOW ABOUT IF WE FOCUS THE POWER OF THE METEORITE AT THE SAME TIME...

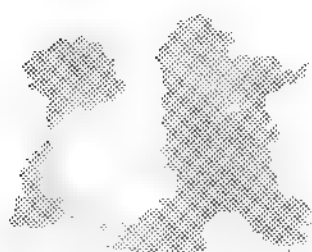
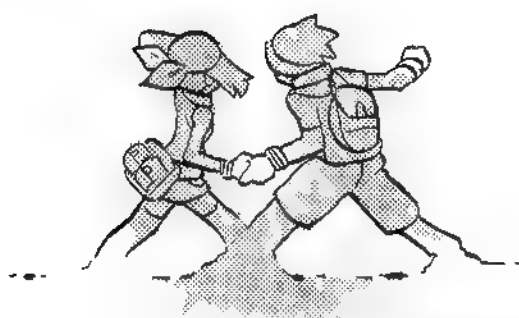


WE ONLY HAVE A SMALL FRAGMENT OF THE METEORITE. YOU'LL ONLY HAVE ONE CHANCE... WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU!

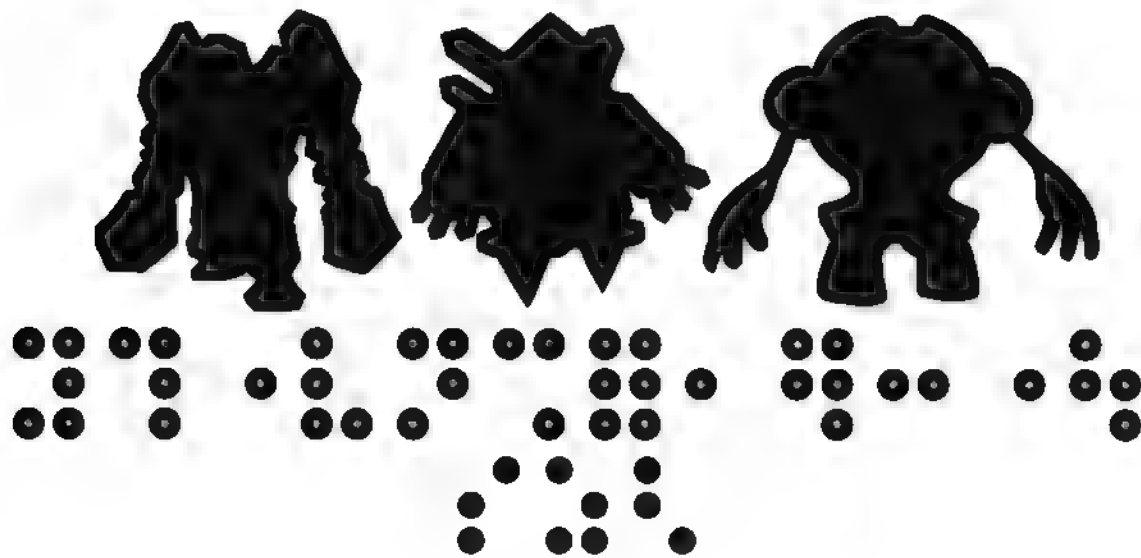




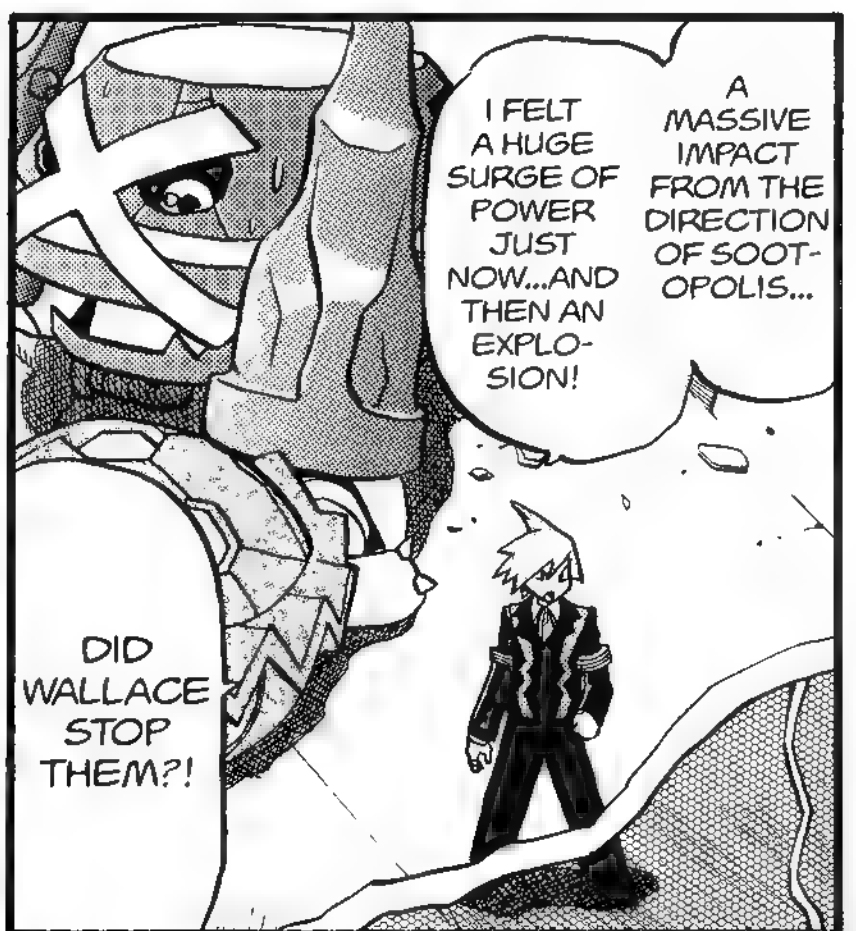
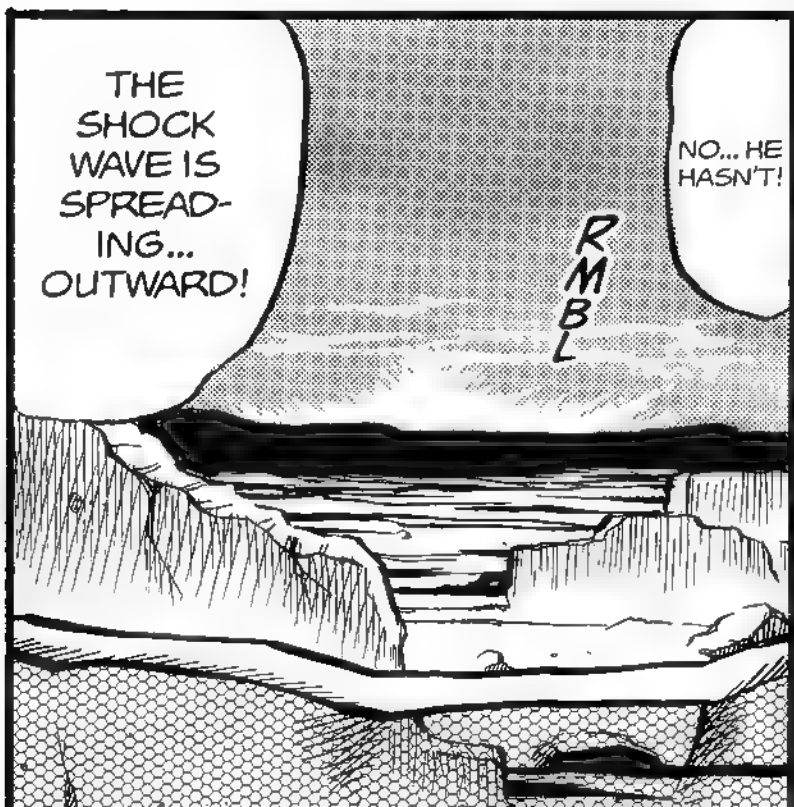
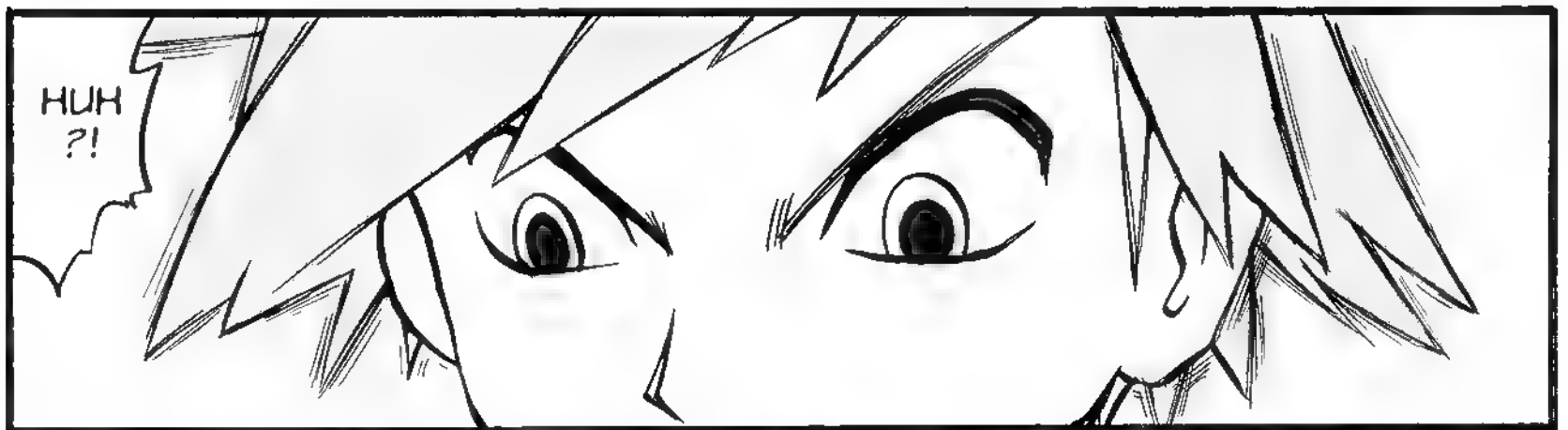


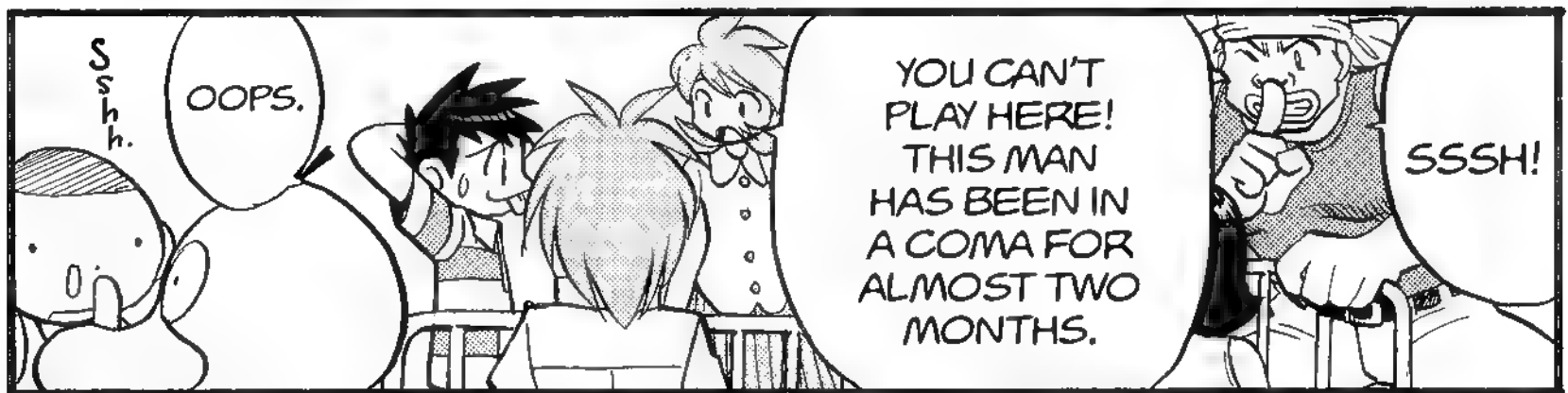


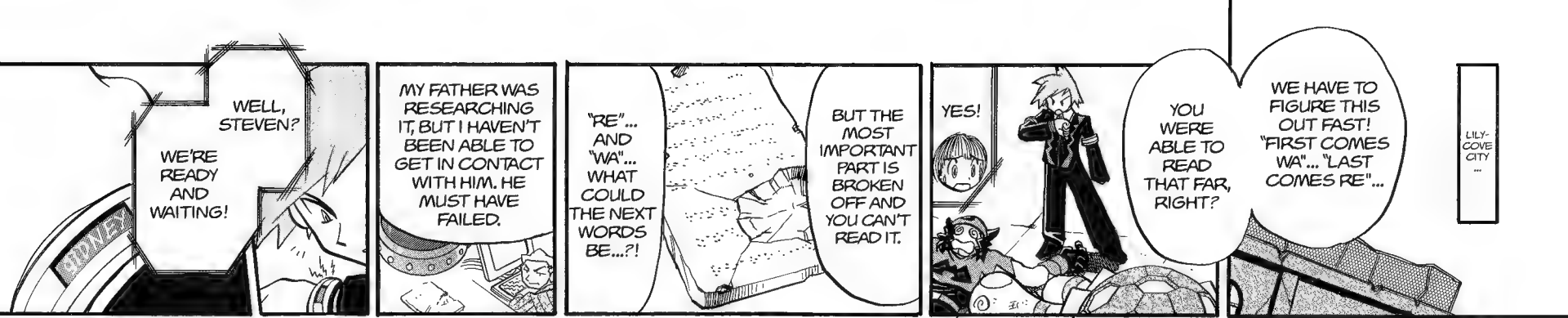
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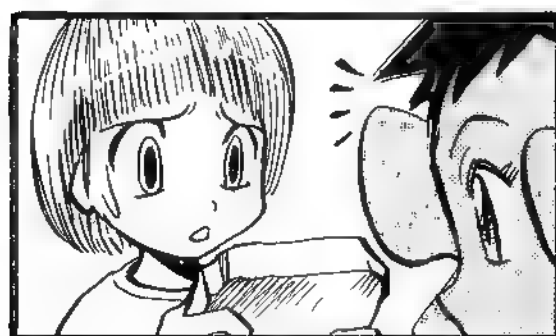


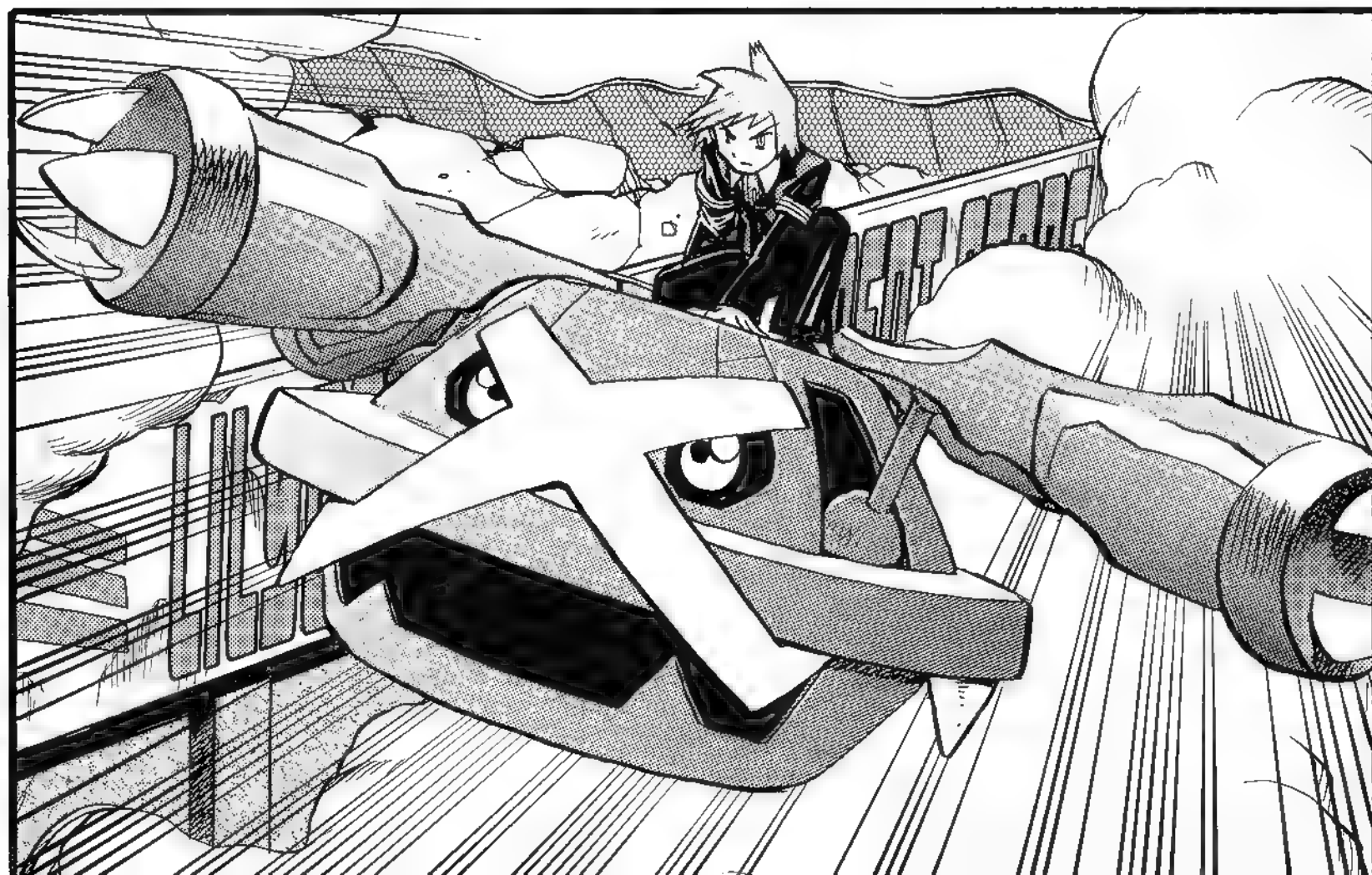
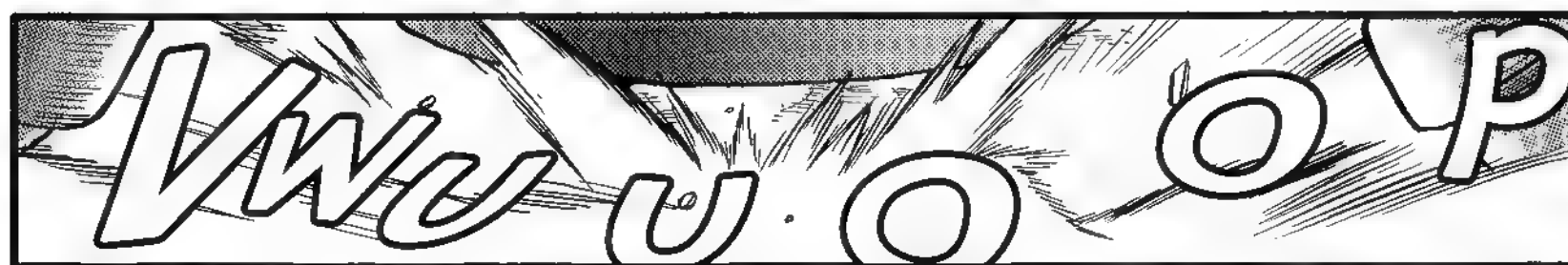
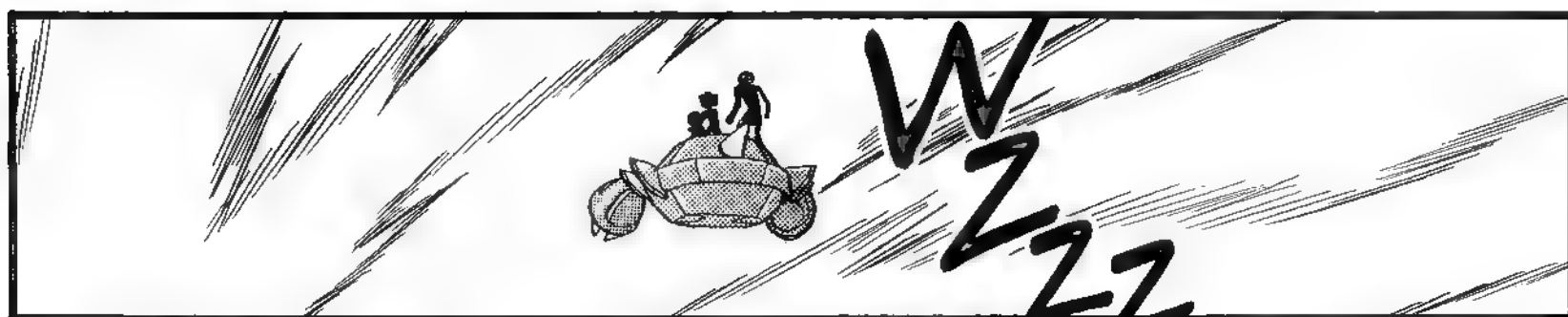


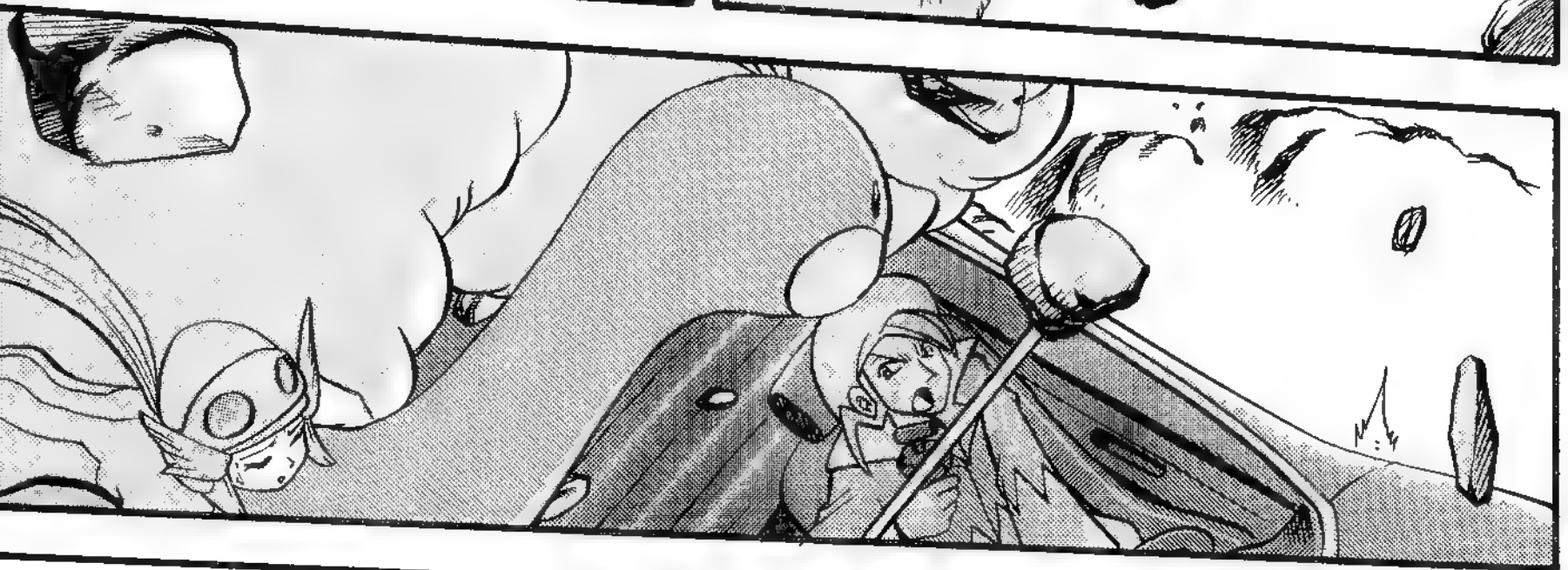
LILY-
COVE
CITY
...





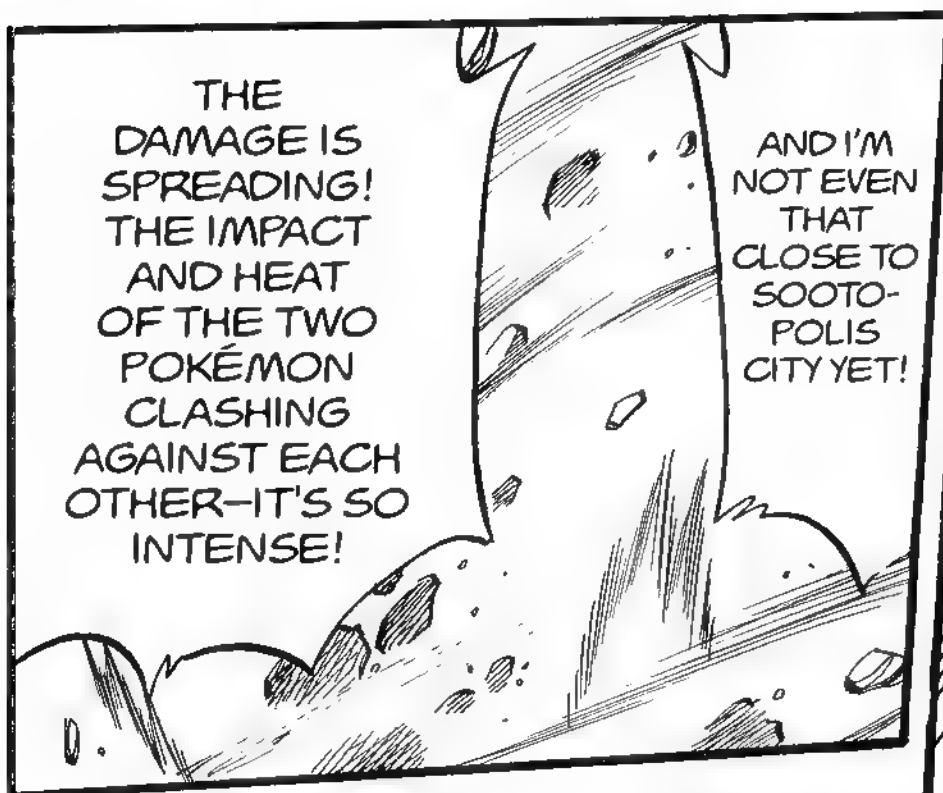








RRGH!



THE
DAMAGE IS
SPREADING!
THE IMPACT
AND HEAT
OF THE TWO
POKÉMON
CLASHING
AGAINST EACH
OTHER—IT'S SO
INTENSE!

AND I'M
NOT EVEN
THAT
CLOSE TO
SOOTO-
POLIS
CITY YET!



THRM

HUH?



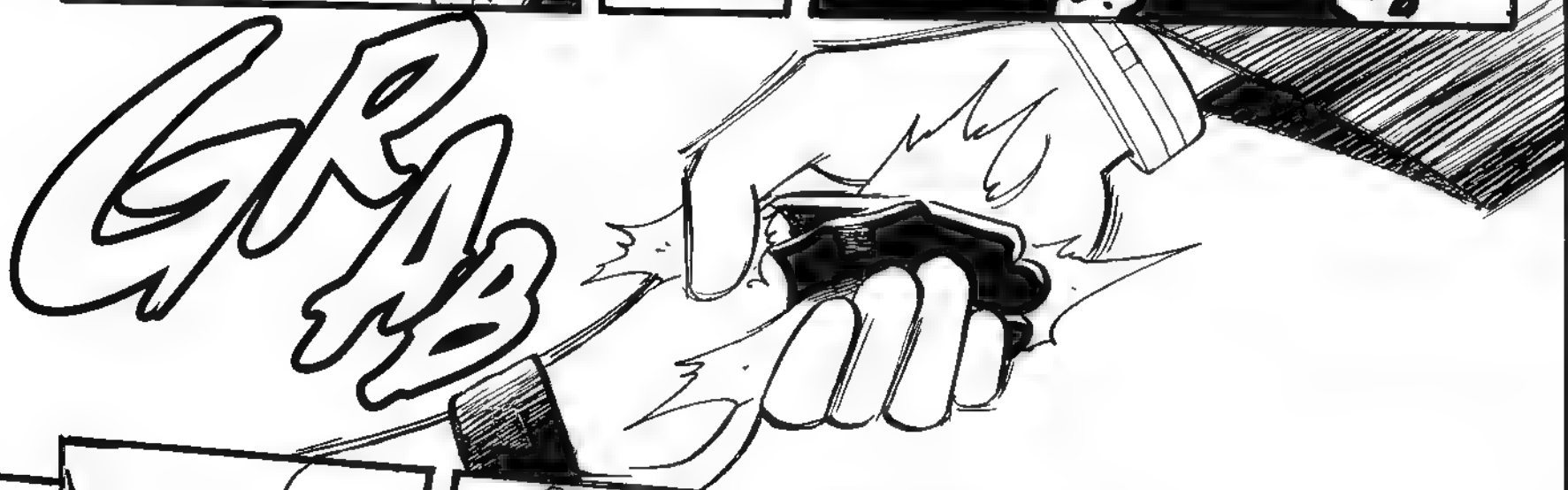
—JUCH—

AVOID
THE
FLYING
RUBBLE
AND
KEEP
GOING!

THE
INTENSITY
OF THIS
ENERGY...
IT'S
UNBELIEV-
ABLE!



META-GROSS, WE HAVE TO HELP THEM!



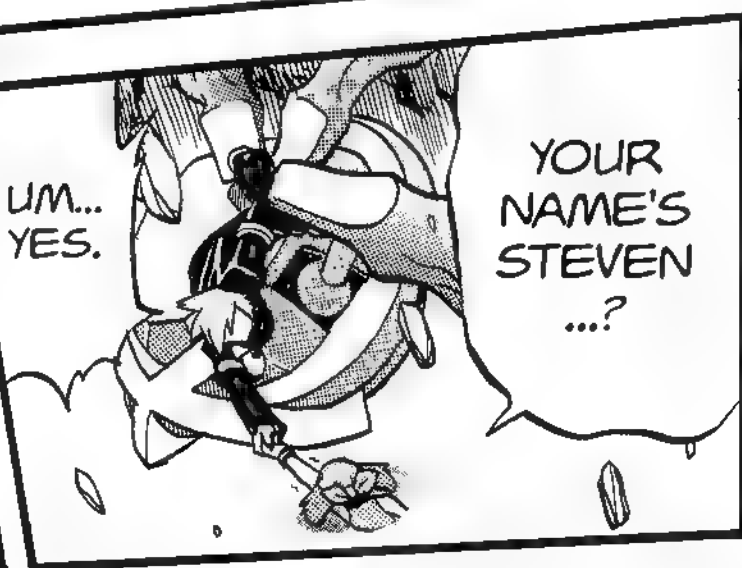


WHAT
DIDJA CALL
YOURSELF?



AND I
FINALLY
MEET YA
HERE!

I CAN'T
BELIEVE
THIS! I
TRAVELED
ALL OVER
HOENN, EVEN
DOWN TO
THE
SEAFLOOR
CAVERN...



UM...
YES.

YOUR
NAME'S
STEVEN
...?



A
LETTER
FROM...
MY
FATHER
?!

DEVON CORPORATION

HI,
STEVEN!

THE
PRESIDENT
OF THE
DEVON
CORPORATION
ASKED ME
TO DELIVER
THIS
LETTER
TO YA!

A TYPE OF
BRAILLE...
JUST LIKE THE
STONE PLATE!
IN ANCIENT
LETTERS
WHICH THE
ENEMY CAN'T
READ!

HM
...

DEVON CORPORATION

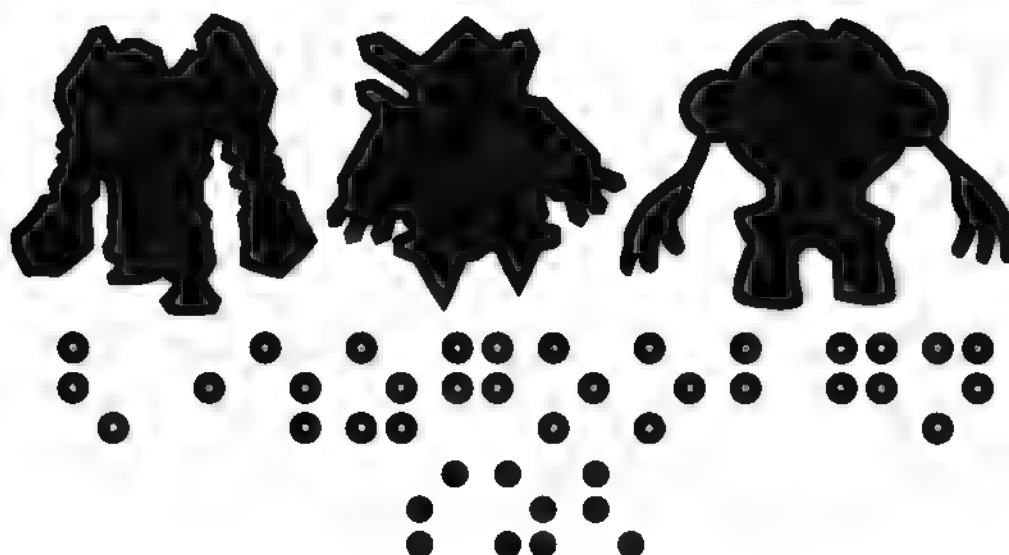
"LAST
COMES
RELICANTH"
...

"FIRST
COMES
WAILORD"...

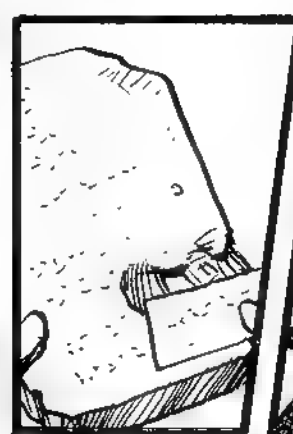
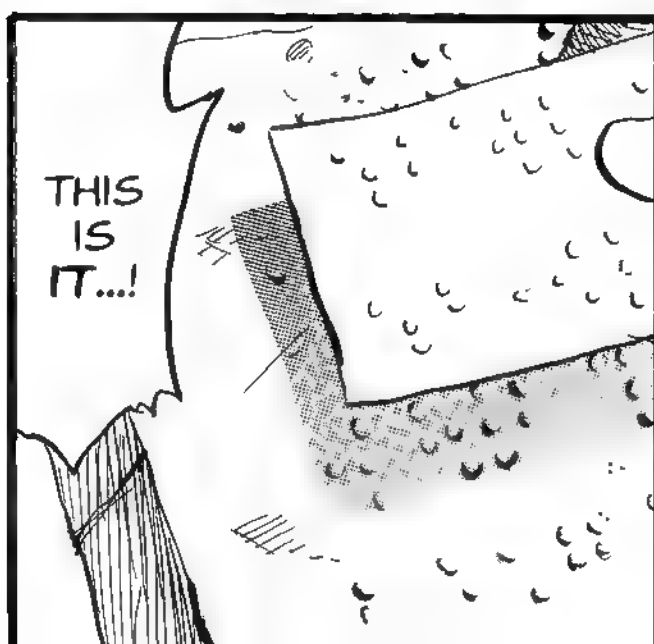
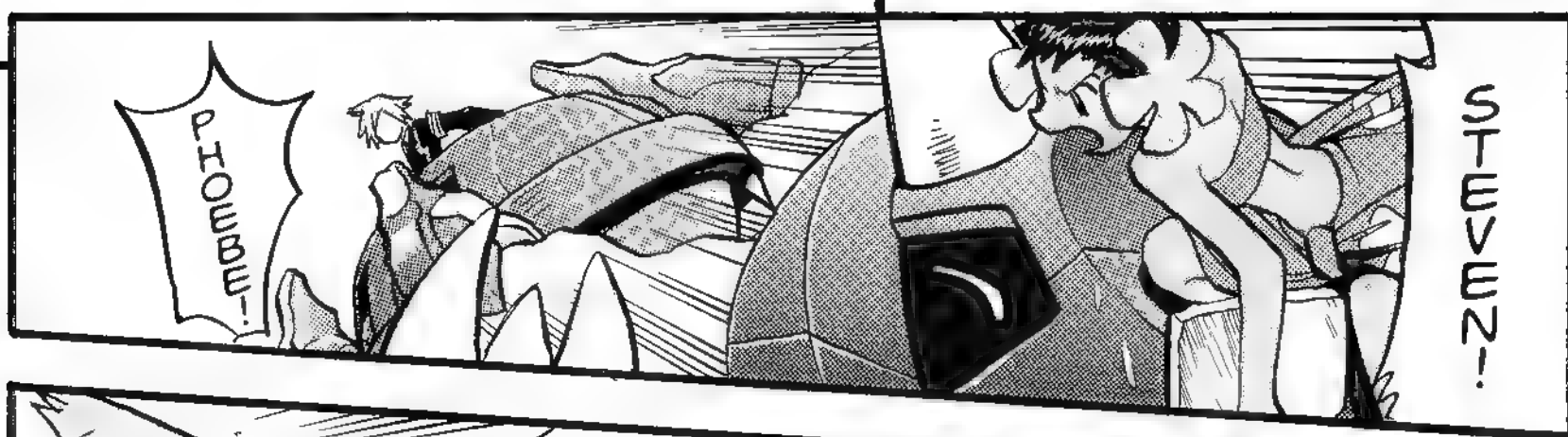
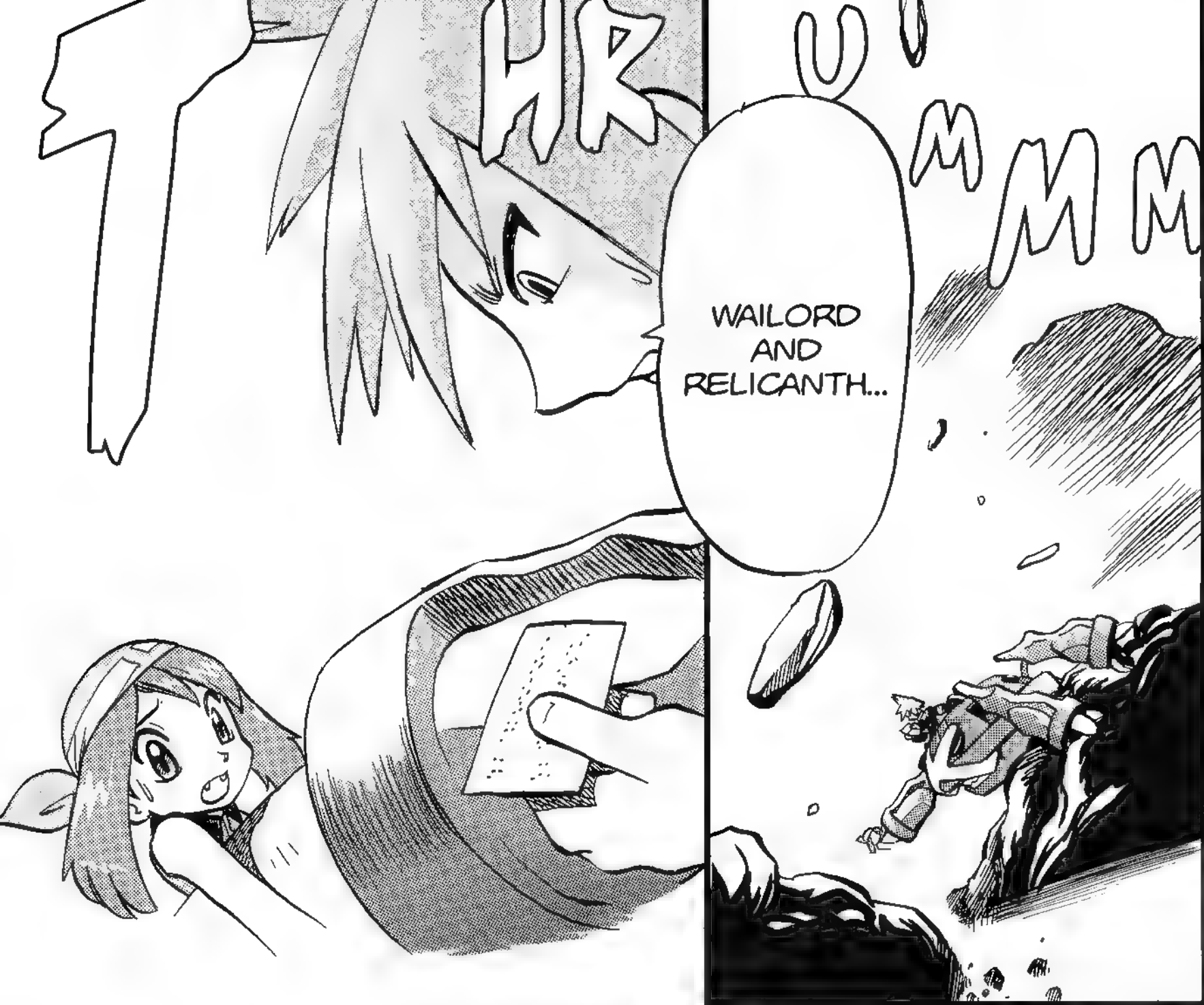
I SEE!
THIS IS THE
ORDER OF THE
POKÉMON I
NEED TO
SUMMON—
REGIROCK,
REGISTEEL
AND REGICE!

THIS
MESSAGE
FILLS
IN THE
MISSING
SECTION
ON THE
STONE
PLATE!

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THE
POKÉMON
ORDER
REQUIRED
TO SUMMON
REGIROCK,
REGISTEEL AND
REGICE!



THIS
TELLS ME THE
ALIGNMENT
OF THE
POKÉMON
GROUP I
NEED...

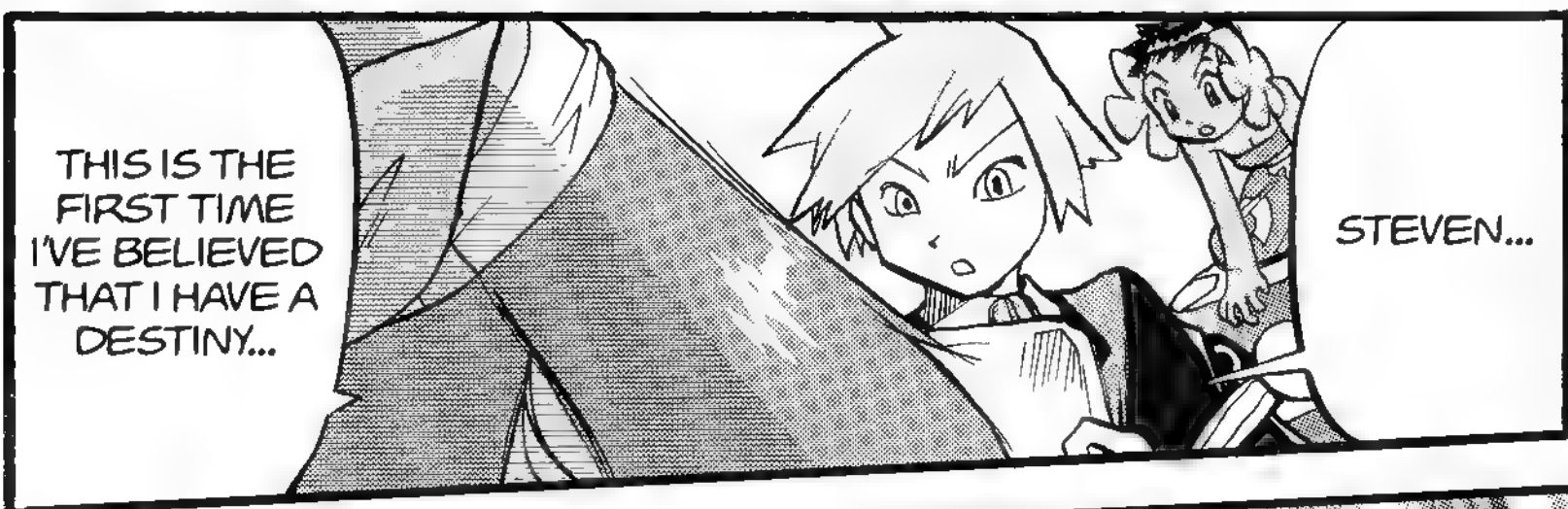


I
CAN'T
BELIEVE
IT!



RIGHT
...

GREAT! BUT WAIT...
WE CAN ONLY STOP
THE TWO POKÉMON
FROM FIGHTING IF WE
HAVE A WAILORD AND
A RELICANTH?



THIS IS THE
FIRST TIME
I'VE BELIEVED
THAT I HAVE A
DESTINY...

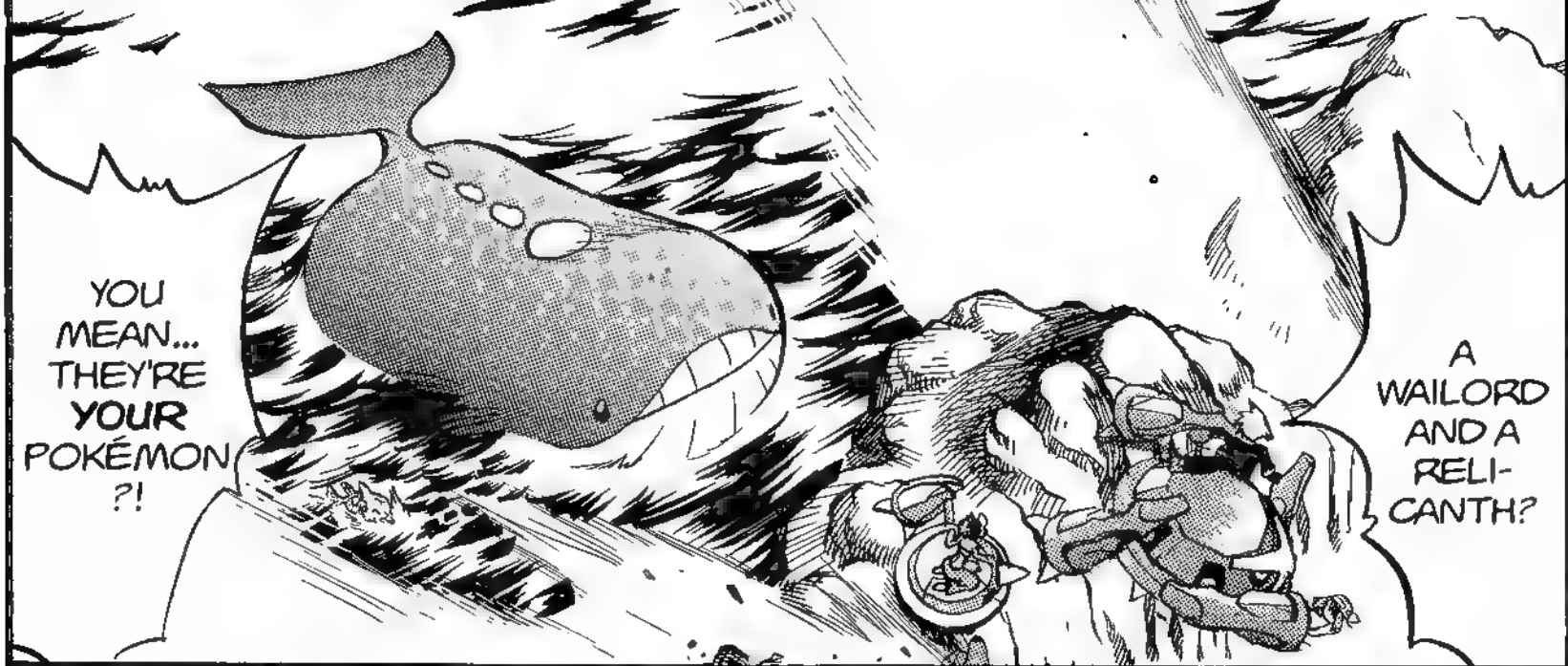
STEVEN...



YAY--!!

YAY--!!





YOU
MEAN...
THEY'RE
YOUR
POKÉMON
?!

A
WAILORD
AND A
RELI-
CANTH?



OKAY THEN!
I'LL PLACE
THEM IN
MY GROUP
IN THAT
ORDER!



YOU'RE
RIGHT...
THIS
MUST BE
DESTINY!

YOU
DELIVERED
THE LETTER
TO ME...AND
YOU HAVE THE
EXACT TWO
POKÉMON WE
NEED TO DO
THIS?



STEVEN!
THE
STONE
PLATE
...!



WHOOOM



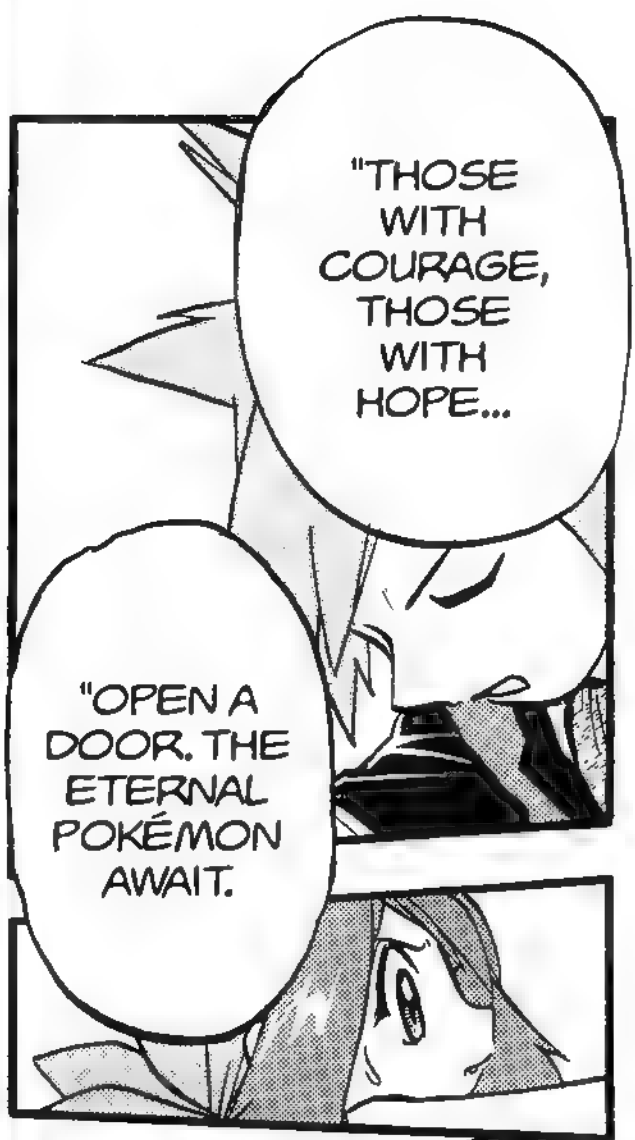
WHOOOM

WHOOOM



"AND
THE
DOOR
..."

...SHALL
OPEN!"



"THOSE
WITH
COURAGE,
THOSE
WITH
HOPE..."

"OPEN A
DOOR. THE
ETERNAL
POKÉMON
AWAIT."



"FIRST
COMES
WAILORD."

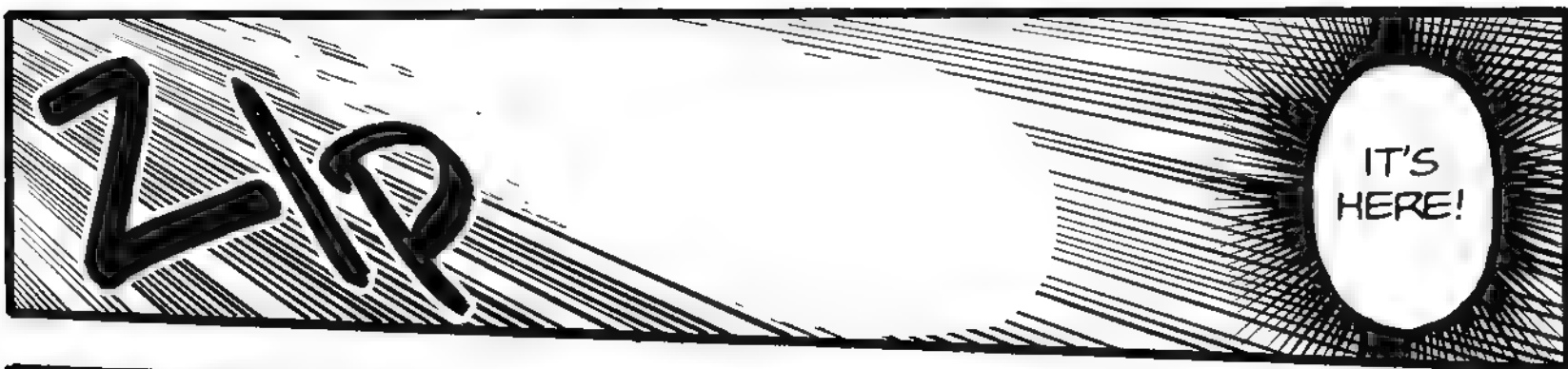
"LAST
COMES
RELI-
CANTH."

S
H
I
N
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S
H
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WOOSP





STEVEN...
LISTEN
CLOSELY!

FATHER...



YOU ARE TO
GATHER A
TEAM YOU
TRUST TO
RIDE THAT
SUBMARINE...



MR.
STERN IS
CURRENTLY
BUILDING A
SUBMARINE
AT
SLATEPORT
CITY.

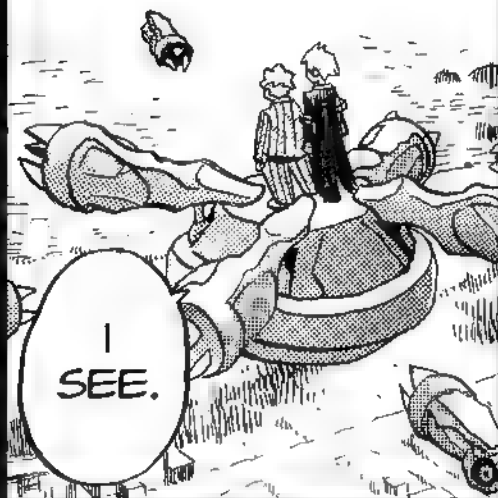
IN ORDER TO
STOP THE TWO EVIL
ORGANIZATIONS—
THE ONE WITH THE
RED UNIFORM AND
THE ONE WITH THE
BLUE UNIFORM— WE
CANNOT LET THEM
AWAKEN KYOGRE
AND GROUDON!

I'LL STAY
HERE TO
ACCELERATE
THE
DEVELOPMENT
OF THE CORE
COMPONENT
OF THE
SUBMARINE.
YOU'LL NEED IT
TO DIVE THAT
FAR DOWN.

I
HAVEN'T EVEN
TOLD STERN
ABOUT THIS
PART OF THE
PLAN—BUT I
WILL WHEN THE
TIME COMES.

...DOWN
TO THE
SEAFLOOR
CAVERN AND
BLOCK THE
ENTRANCE.

I
SEE.



STEVEN ...

IN ADDITION, I'D LIKE YOU TO RESEARCH THOSE CAVES AND RUINS AGAIN. SEE IF THERE ARE ANY MORE CLUES THERE.

I SEE. ALL RIGHT. I'LL BACK YOU UP WITH MORE SCIENTIFIC ANALYSIS.

HE HAS A SENSITIVE SENSE OF TOUCH. I TAUGHT HIM HOW TO READ THE PLATE. I THINK HE'S THE ONE WHO CAN BEST INTERPRET THOSE WEATHERED DECAYING LETTERS.

I GAVE IT TO A BOY I MET AT THE HOSPITAL.

WHAT DID YOU DO WITH THAT STONE PLATE?

FOR THIS PLAN, YOU'LL HAVE TO USE REGIROCK, REGISTEEL AND REGICE TO STOP THEIR BATTLE!

YOU MUST EXECUTE PLAN B.

HOWEVER... IF THE ENEMY GETS AHEAD OF US—IN OTHER WORDS, IF KYOGRE AND GROUDON ARE AWAKENED AND HAVE ALREADY BEGUN TO FIGHT—

GOT IT!

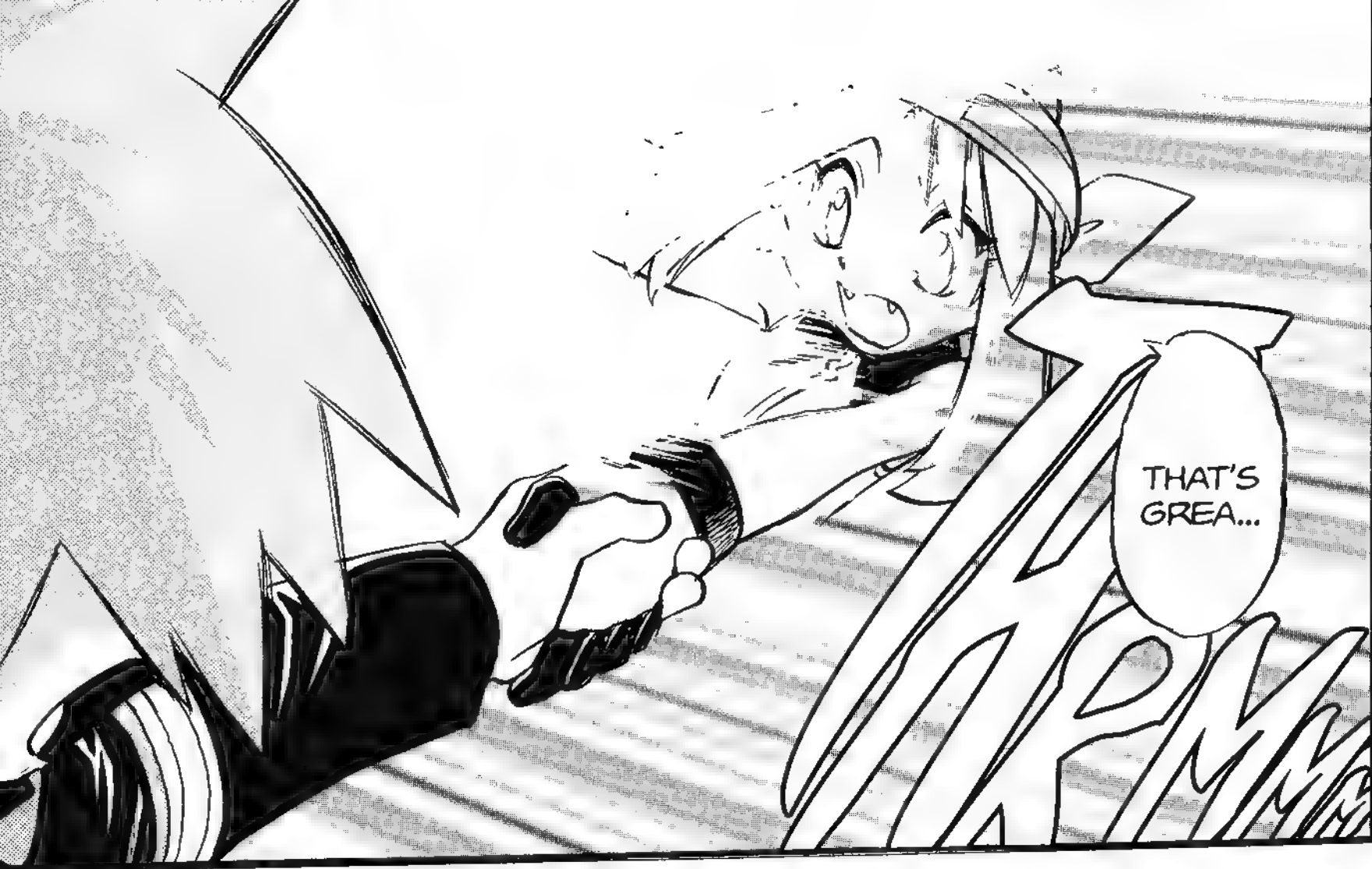
STERN WILL GET IN CONTACT WITH YOU ONCE THE SUBMARINE IS CLOSE TO COMPLETION.

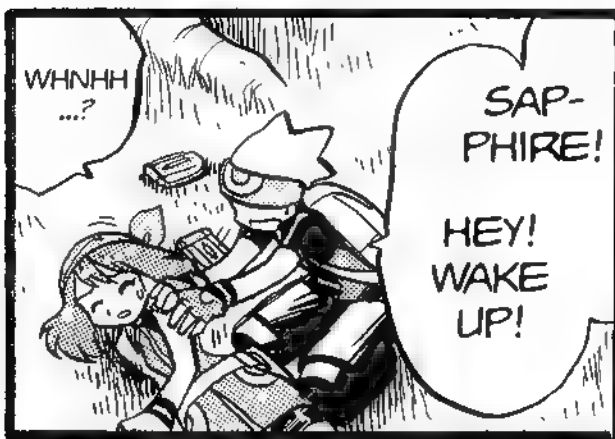
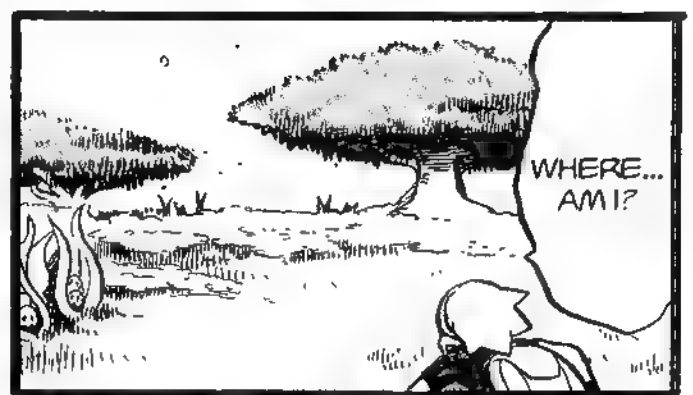
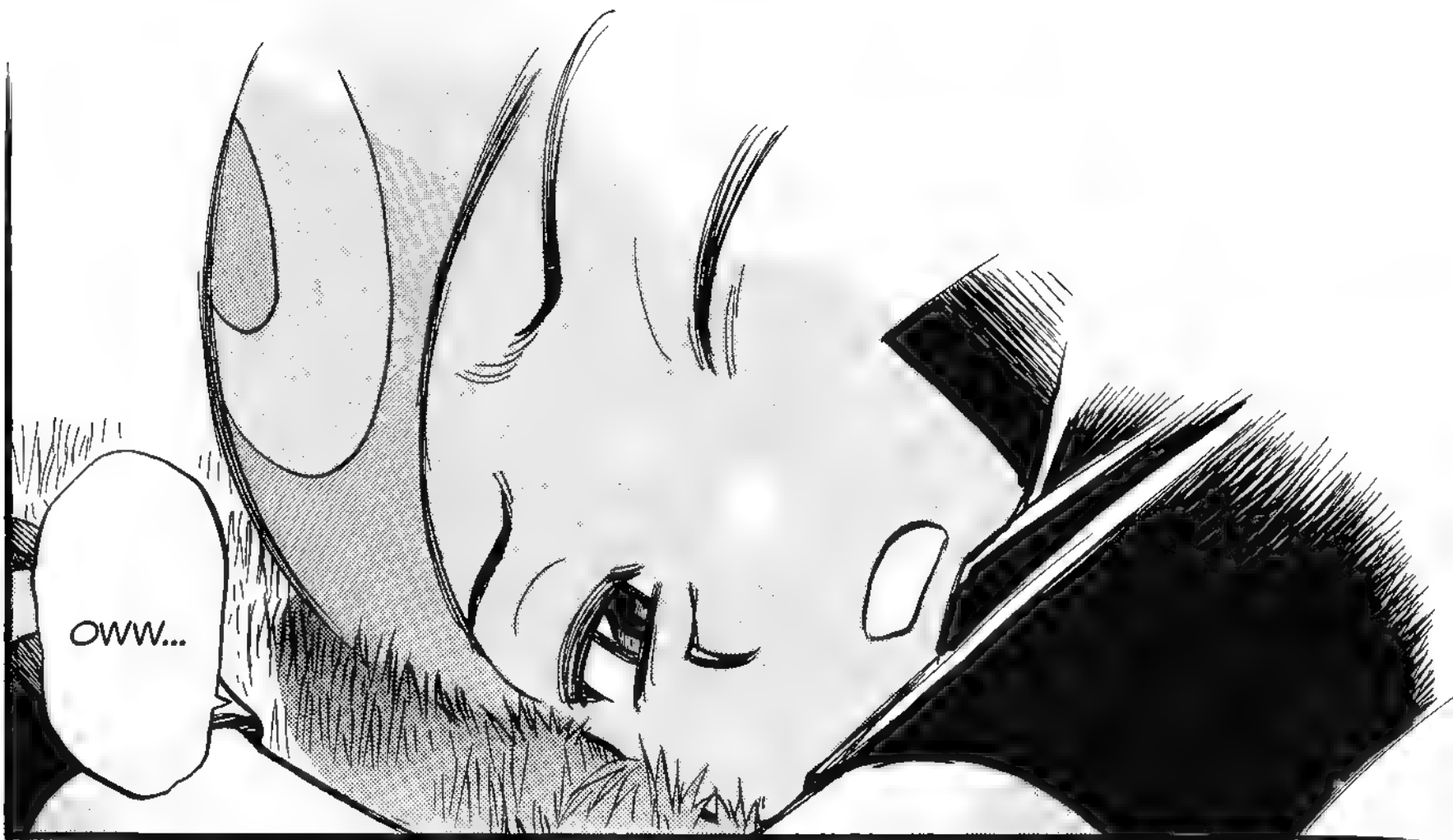


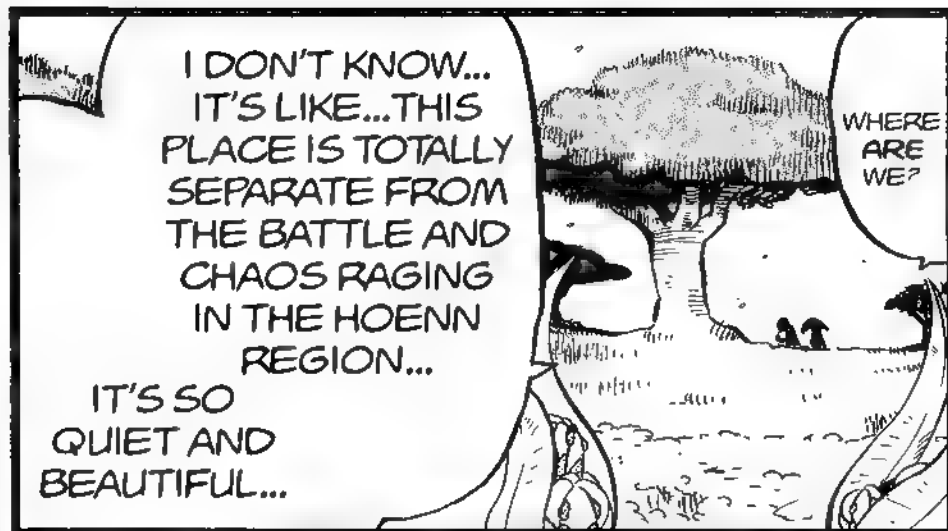
I NEED YOU TO RETURN PEACE TO HOENN!

YOU'LL NEED HELP. AND YOU'LL HAVE TO WORK AS A TEAM.



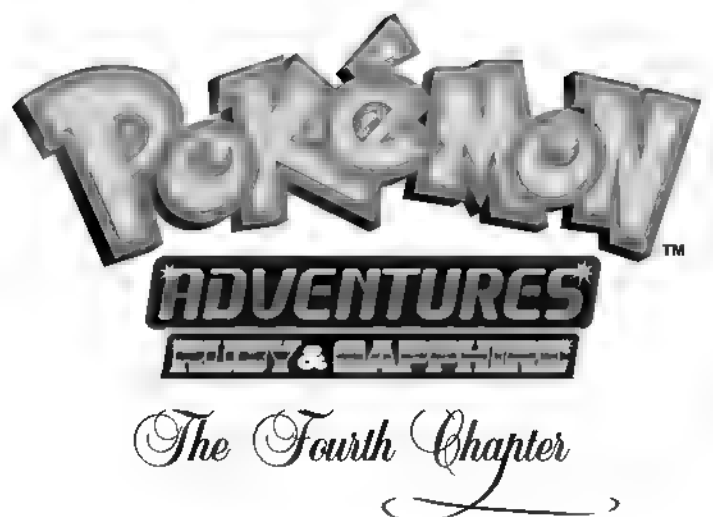
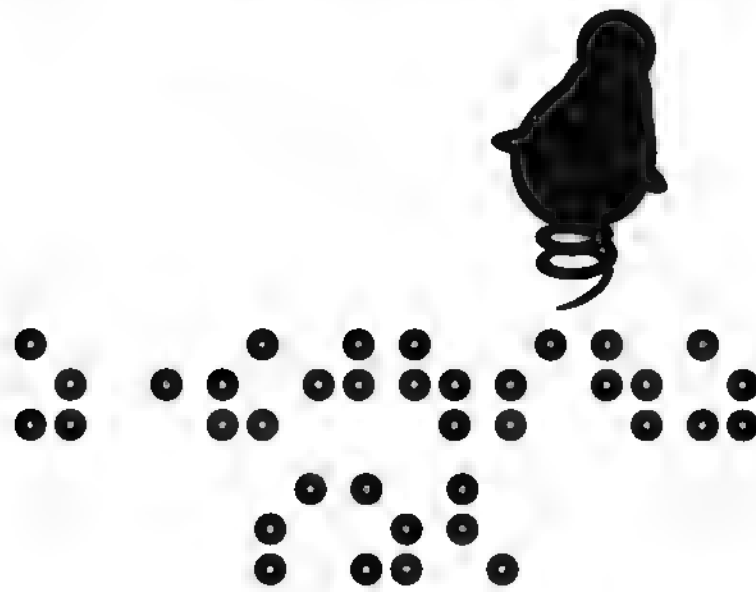






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With a Spoink in Your Step I





THE HOENN
REGION IS
BEIN' TORN
APART...
WE WERE
IN A HUGE
BATTLE...
WHAT'S
GOIN' ON?!

WHO
ARE
YOU?
WHERE
ARE
WE?



RUBY...
SAPPHIRE...

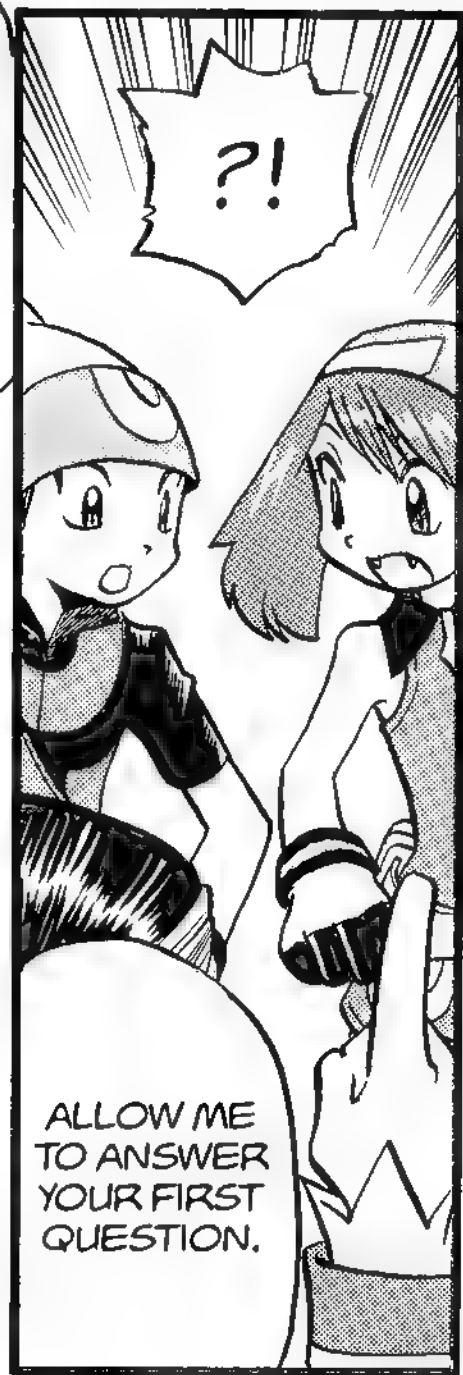
WAIT, WAIT!
ONE
QUESTION
AT A TIME,
FOR FAVOR.



MY
NAME IS
JUAN. I AM
WALLACE'S
TEACHER.

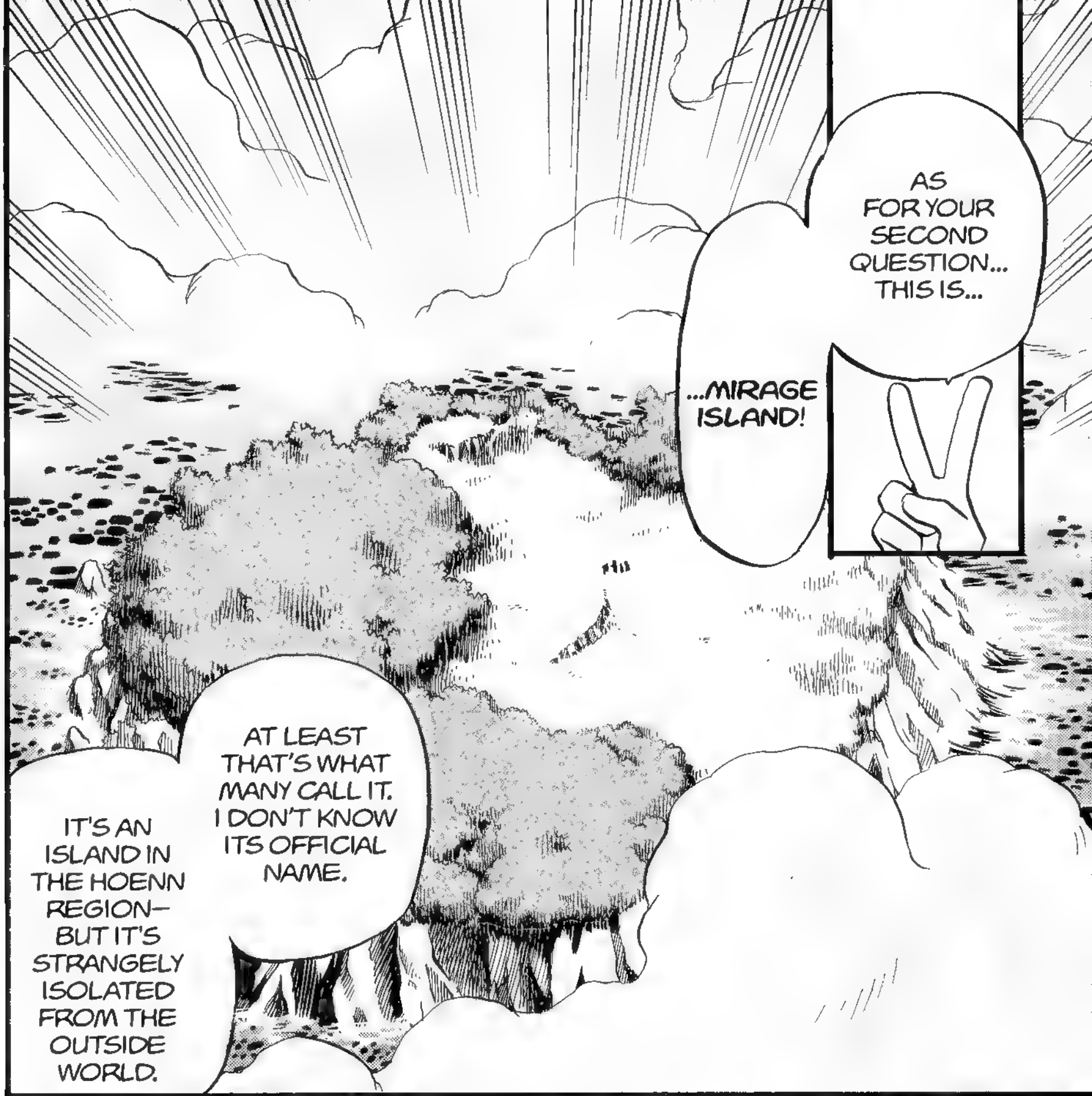
HE
ASKED ME
TO TAKE UP
THE POSITION
OF GYM
LEADER OF
SOOTOPOLIS
CITY AGAIN.

YOU'RE
MY
MASTER'S
MASTER
?!



?!

ALLOW ME
TO ANSWER
YOUR FIRST
QUESTION.



AS
FOR YOUR
SECOND
QUESTION...
THIS IS...

...MIRAGE
ISLAND!

AT LEAST
THAT'S WHAT
MANY CALL IT.
I DON'T KNOW
ITS OFFICIAL
NAME.

IT'S AN
ISLAND IN
THE HOENN
REGION—
BUT IT'S
STRANGELY
ISOLATED
FROM THE
OUTSIDE
WORLD.



HOW IS THE
CURRENT
SITUATION
IN HOENN?

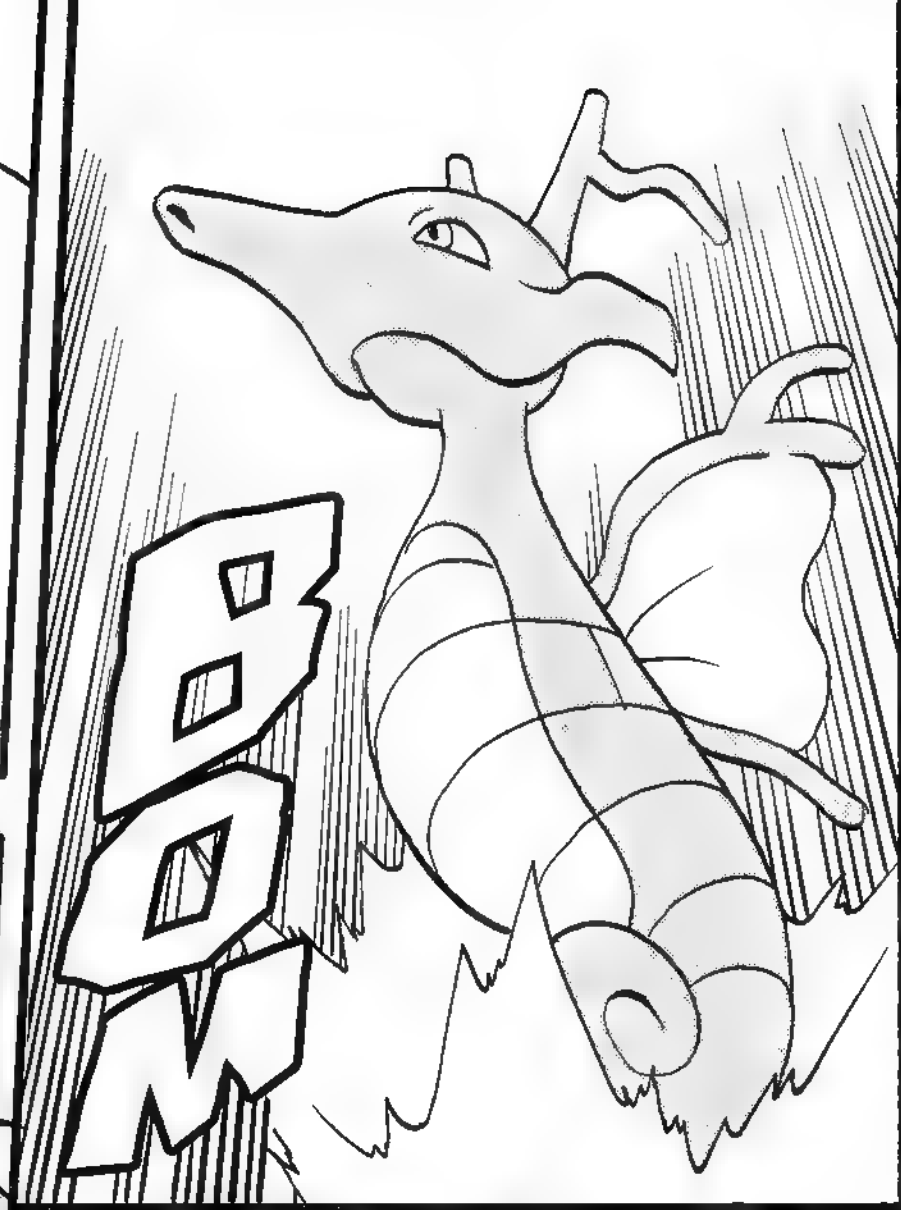


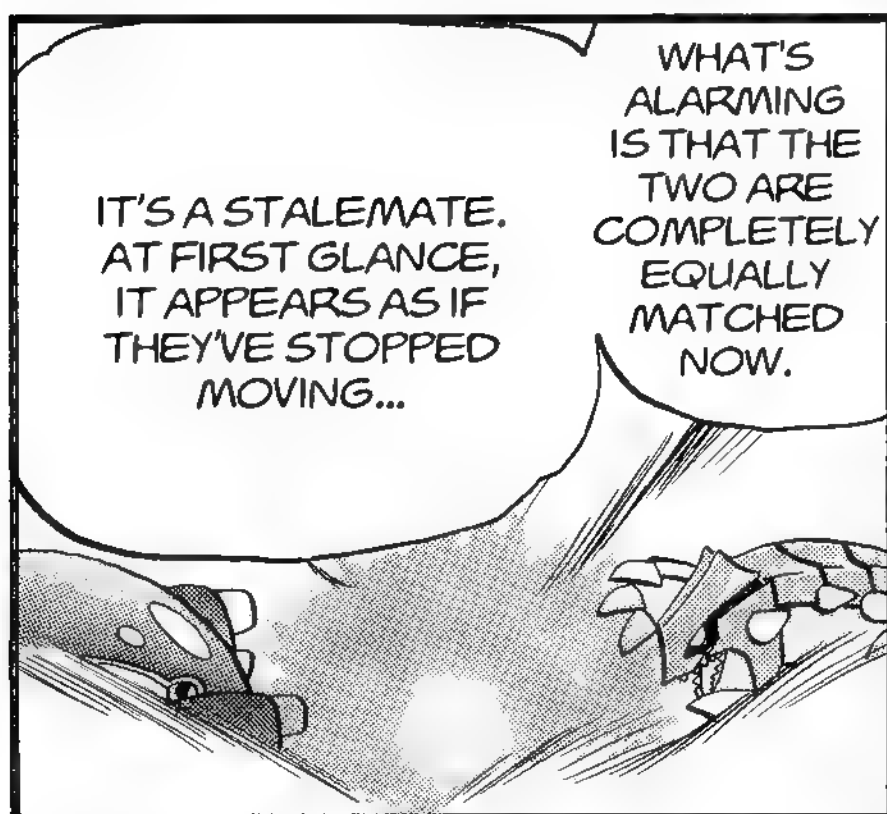
SI!

MIRAGE
ISLAND,
HUH?



AND
THE THIRD
QUESTION
YOU'RE
PROBABLY
WANTING
TO ASK...

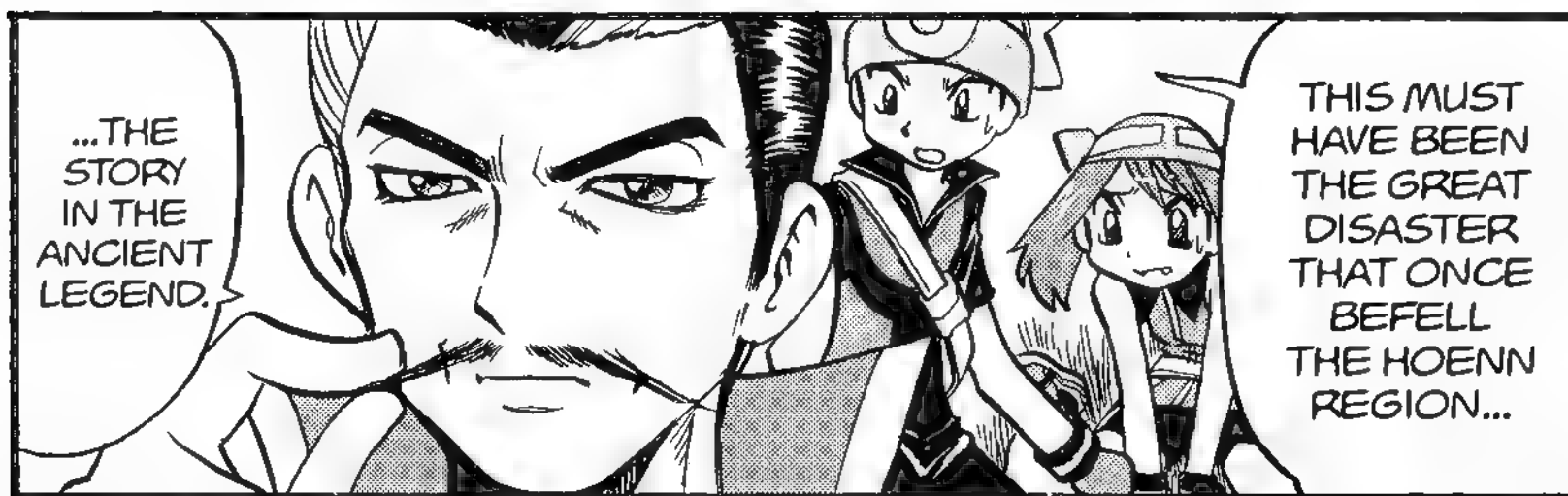






...AND
SPREAD
THROUGH-
OUT THE
SURROUND-
ING AREA.

BUT THEIR
DESTRUCTIVE
ENERGY HAS
NOWHERE TO
GO NOW. IT'S
CONTINUING
TO ACCUMU-
LATE...



...THE
STORY
IN THE
ANCIENT
LEGEND.

THIS MUST
HAVE BEEN
THE GREAT
DISASTER
THAT ONCE
BEFELL
THE HOENN
REGION...



SI! BY
PURE
FORCE—
WITH THE
USE OF
SUPER-
POWER.

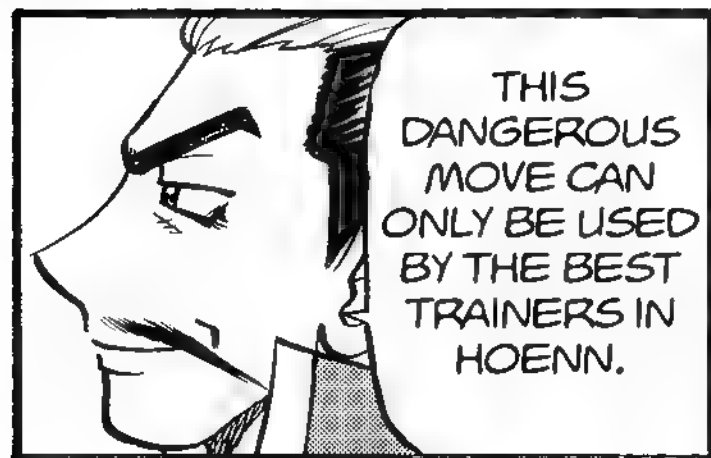
STOP
THEIR
ENERGY
?!



THERE ARE
THOSE WHO HAVE
SURROUNDED
THE TWO
LEGENDARIES
TO STOP THEIR
DESTRUCTIVE
ENERGY FROM
SPREADING ANY
FARTHER.

BUT REST
ASSURED!

?!



THIS
DANGEROUS
MOVE CAN
ONLY BE USED
BY THE BEST
TRAINERS IN
HOENN.

THEY MANAGED
TO AWAKEN
THE THREE
LEGENDARIES AT
THE LAST MINUTE,
THANKS TO YOU,
SAPPHIRE.

HM?

THE NEW
AND THE OLD
CHAMPIONS...
WALLACE
AND
STEVEN?

OH, STEVEN
CHOSE TO
HAND HIS
CHAMPIONSHIP
TITLE BACK TO
WALLACE.

THE
ONLY
THING
THAT
MATTERS
IS THIS!

BUT
THAT'S
NOT
IMPOR-
TANT
NOW.



THE SIX OF
THEM ARE
CURRENTLY
CONTROLLING
THE
LEGENDARY
POKÉMON...

...REGIROCK,
REGICE AND
REGISTEEL!

THE NEW AND
OLD CHAMPIONS,
WALLACE AND
STEVEN, AND
THE ELITE FOUR!



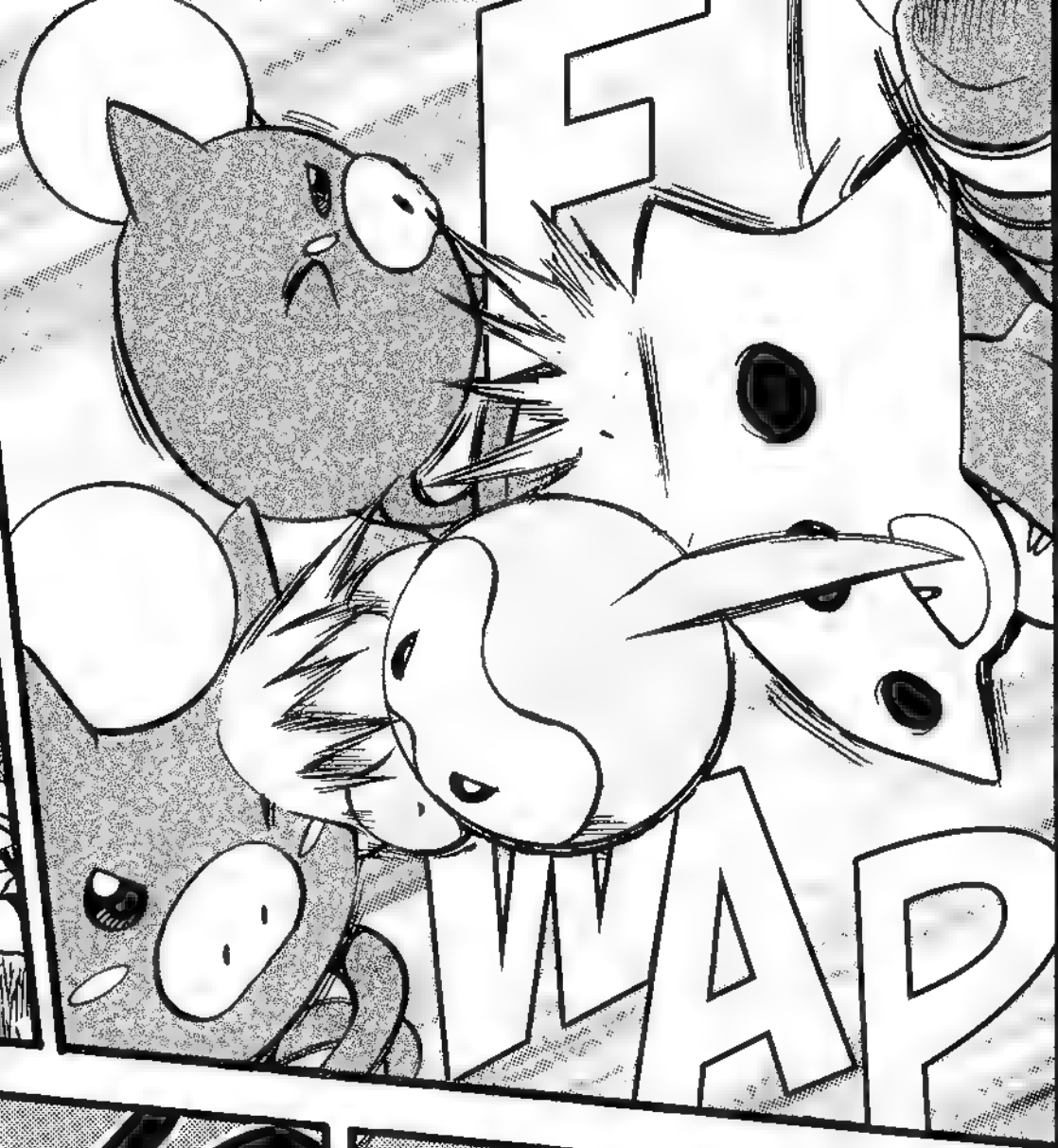




YOU MUST
TRAIN AND
MASTER
YOUR
ABILITIES
HERE—AND
NOW.

WHAT
WAS
THAT
FOR?!

SHOW



WEATHER
BALL!



WHA
...?



INTENSE
WEATHER—
RAIN,
SUNSHINE
OR
SNOW...

EVEN
THOUGH
TIME FLIES,
THE BEAUTY
OF ITS EYES
REMAINS
UNTOUCHED.



...NAME
IS
FOFO.

...MY
POKÉMON
CAST-
FORM'S
...



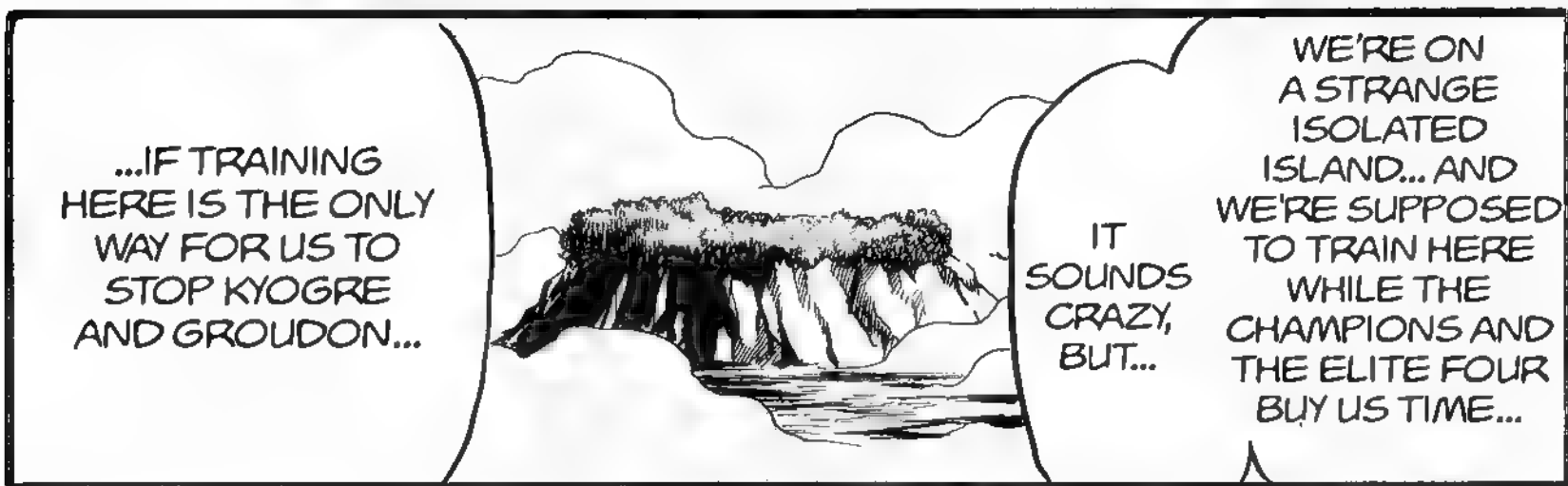
NOW I
BELIEVE
THAT YOU
REALLY ARE
MY MASTER'S
MASTER.

THE SAME
TECHNIQUE...
THAT'S JUST
THE WAY MY
MASTER
WOULD HAVE
BLOCKED
THAT!



...THEN
YOU'RE
MY
MASTER
TOO!

AND IF
YOU'RE MY
MASTER'S
MASTER...



...IF TRAINING
HERE IS THE ONLY
WAY FOR US TO
STOP KYOGRE
AND GROUDON...

IT
SOUNDS
CRAZY,
BUT...

WE'RE ON
A STRANGE
ISOLATED
ISLAND... AND
WE'RE SUPPOSED
TO TRAIN HERE
WHILE THE
CHAMPIONS AND
THE ELITE FOUR
BUY US TIME...



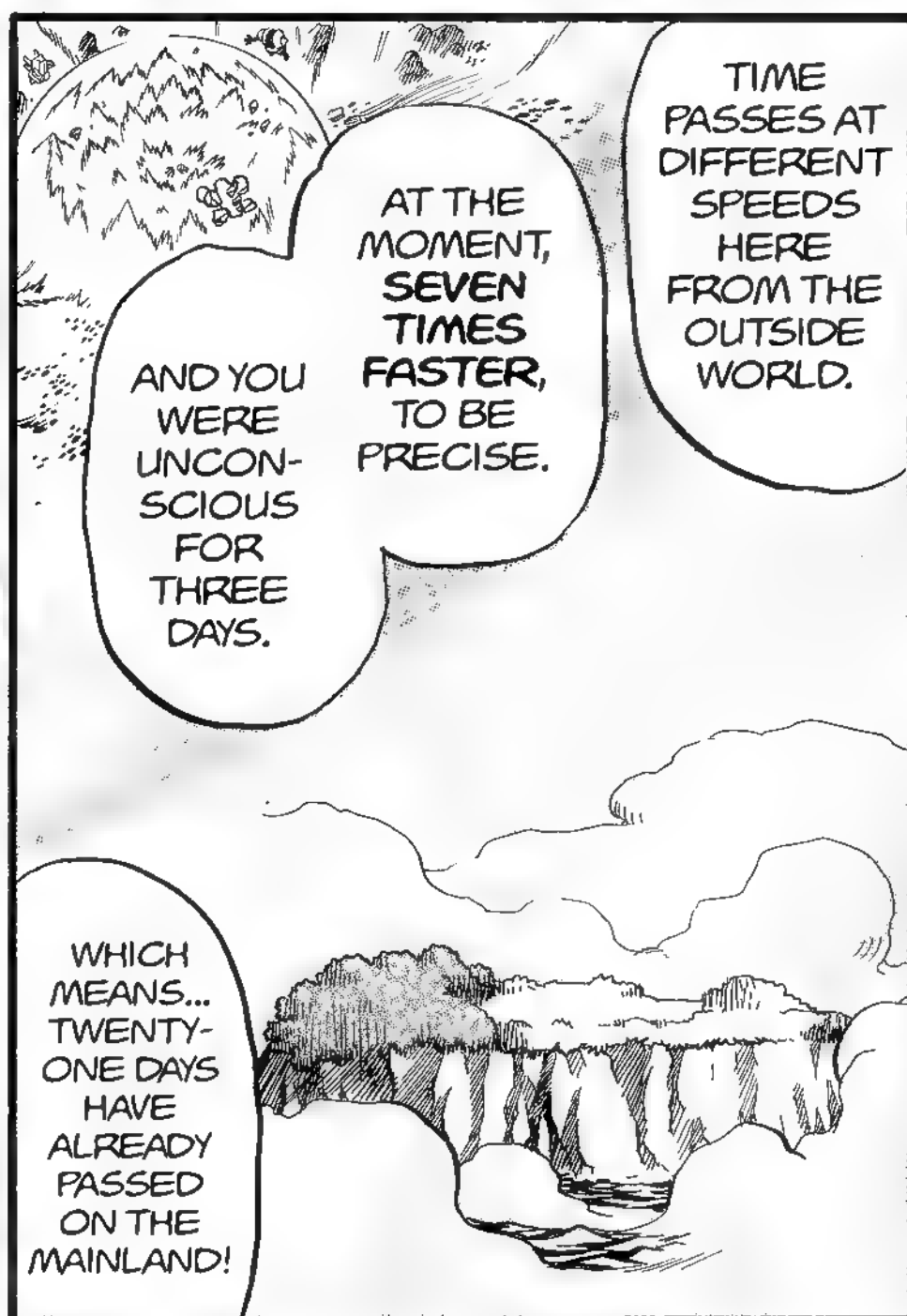
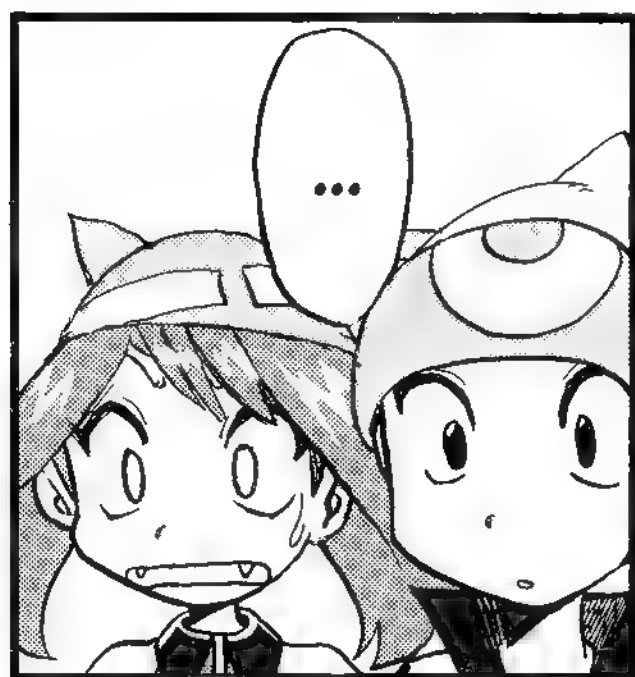
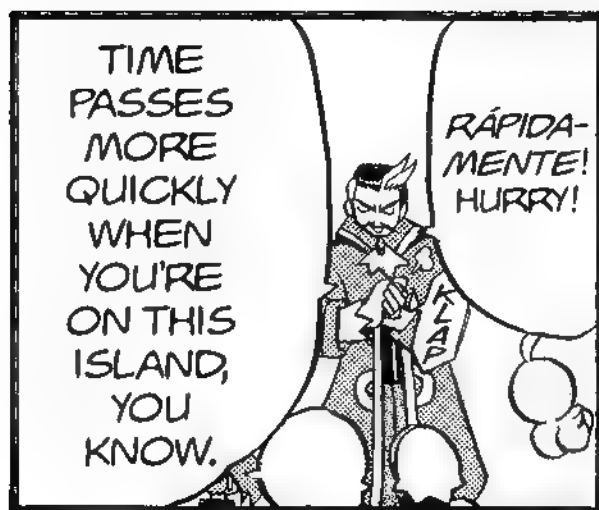
OH, AND DON'T FORGET WHAT YOU'VE DROPPED ...



WELL THEN, WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME... LET'S GET RIGHT TO IT!

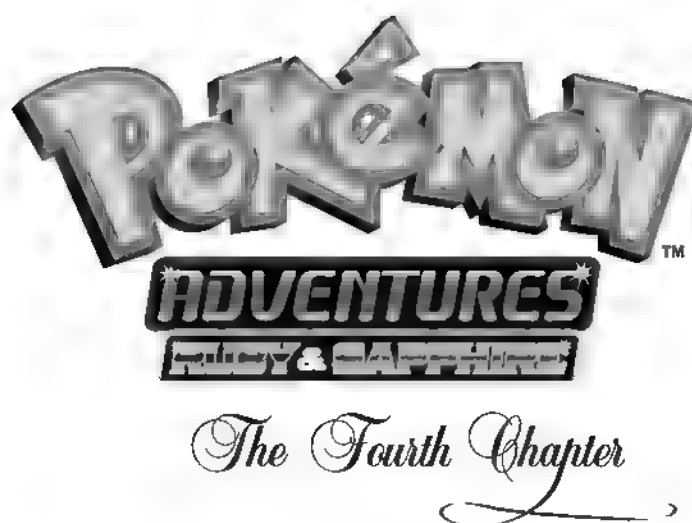
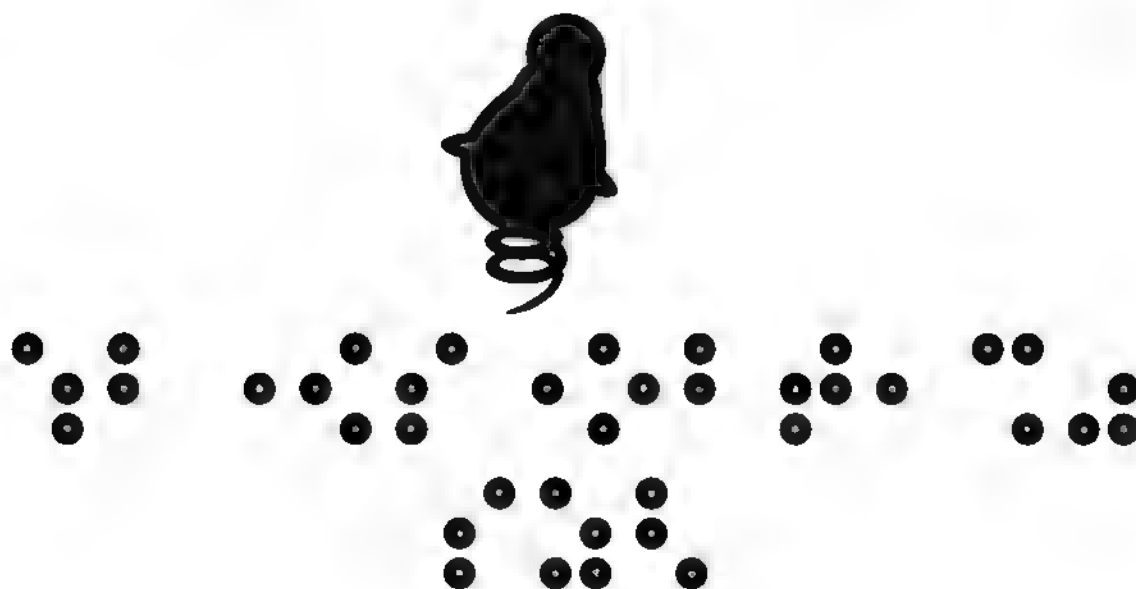
YOU DESERVE TO BE WALLACE'S STUDENT!





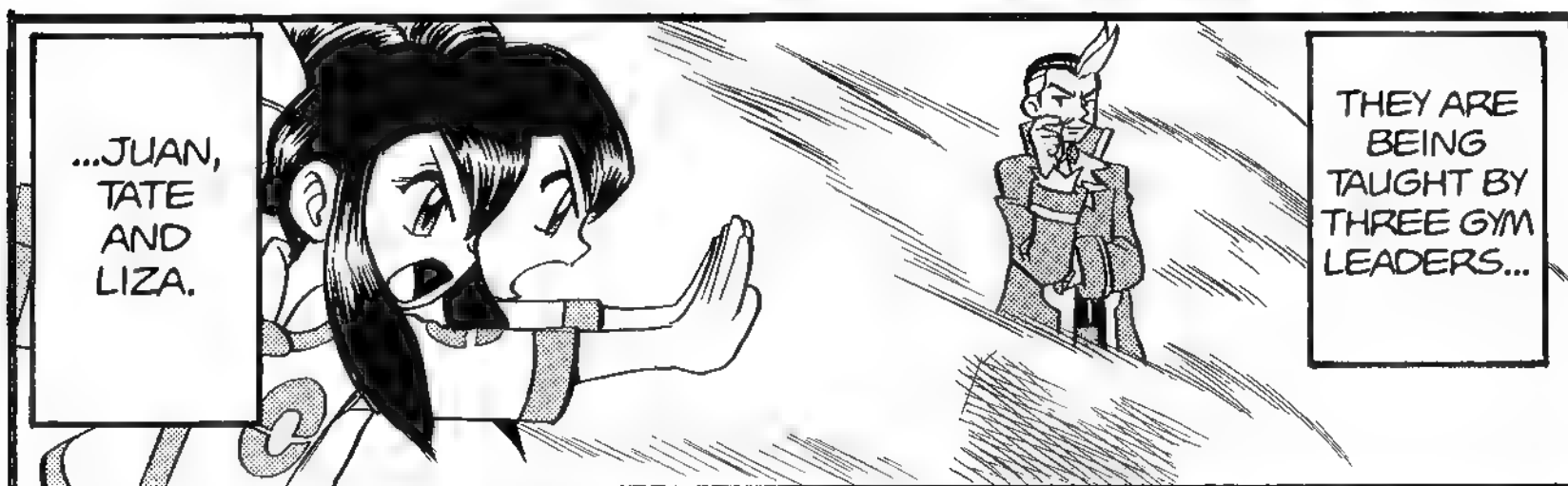


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With a Spoink in Your Step II



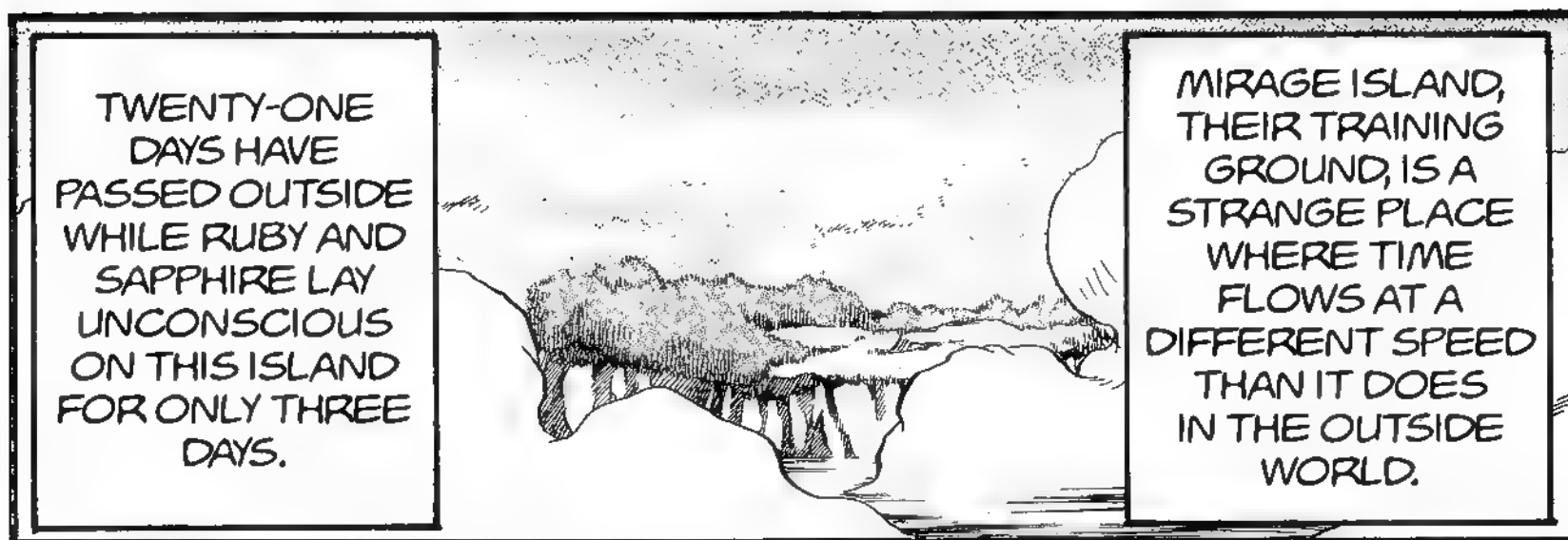


RUBY AND
SAPPHIRE'S
FINAL
TRAINING
SESSION
HAS BEGUN!



...JUAN,
TATE
AND
LIZA.

THEY ARE
BEING
TAUGHT BY
THREE GYM
LEADERS...



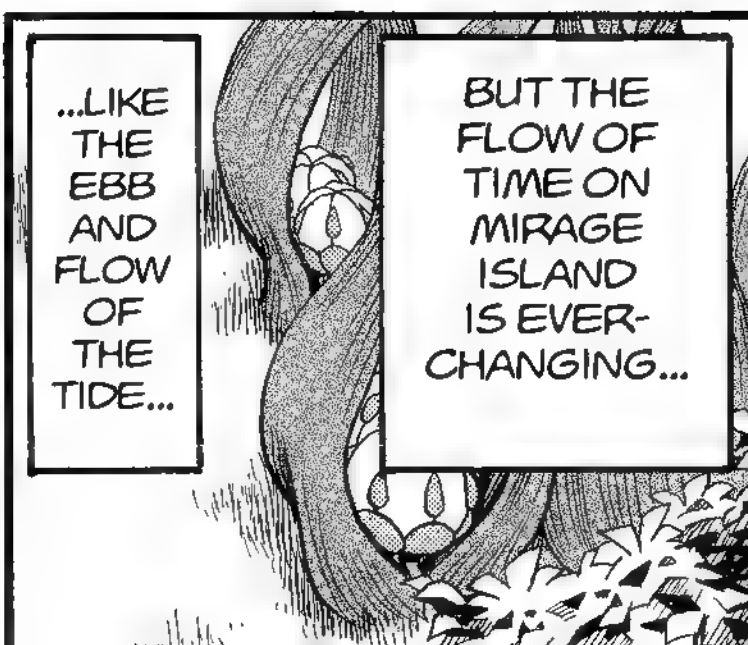
TWENTY-ONE
DAYS HAVE
PASSED OUTSIDE
WHILE RUBY AND
SAPPHIRE LAY
UNCONSCIOUS
ON THIS ISLAND
FOR ONLY THREE
DAYS.

MIRAGE ISLAND,
THEIR TRAINING
GROUND, IS A
STRANGE PLACE
WHERE TIME
FLOWS AT A
DIFFERENT SPEED
THAN IT DOES
IN THE OUTSIDE
WORLD.



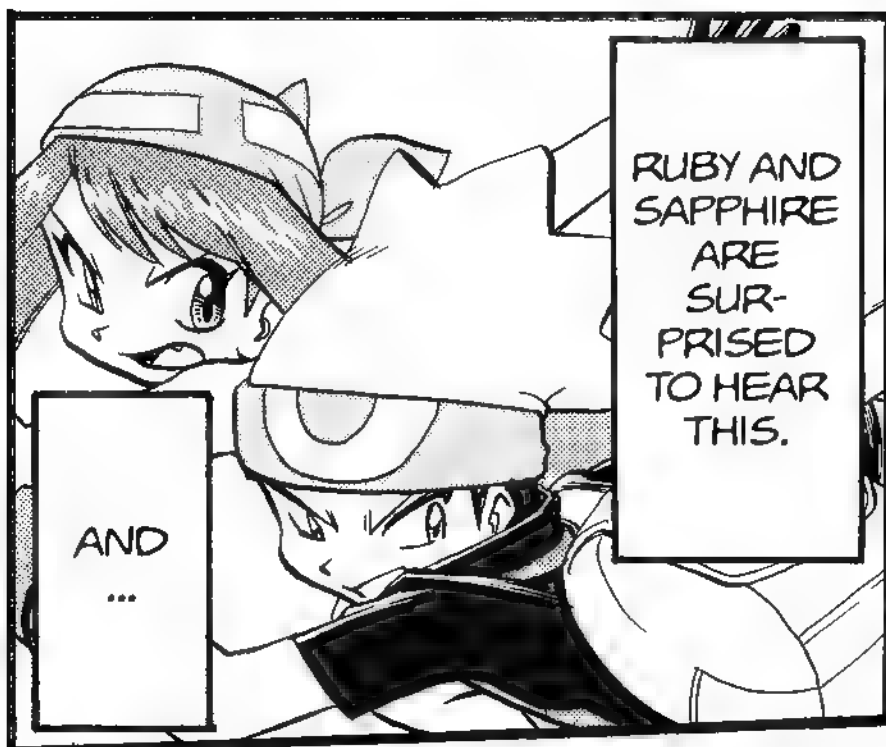
...ONLY
ONE
DAY IS
PASSING
IN THE
OUTSIDE
WORLD.

RIGHT NOW,
DURING EVERY
WEEK THEY
SPEND ON
THEIR
TRAINING...

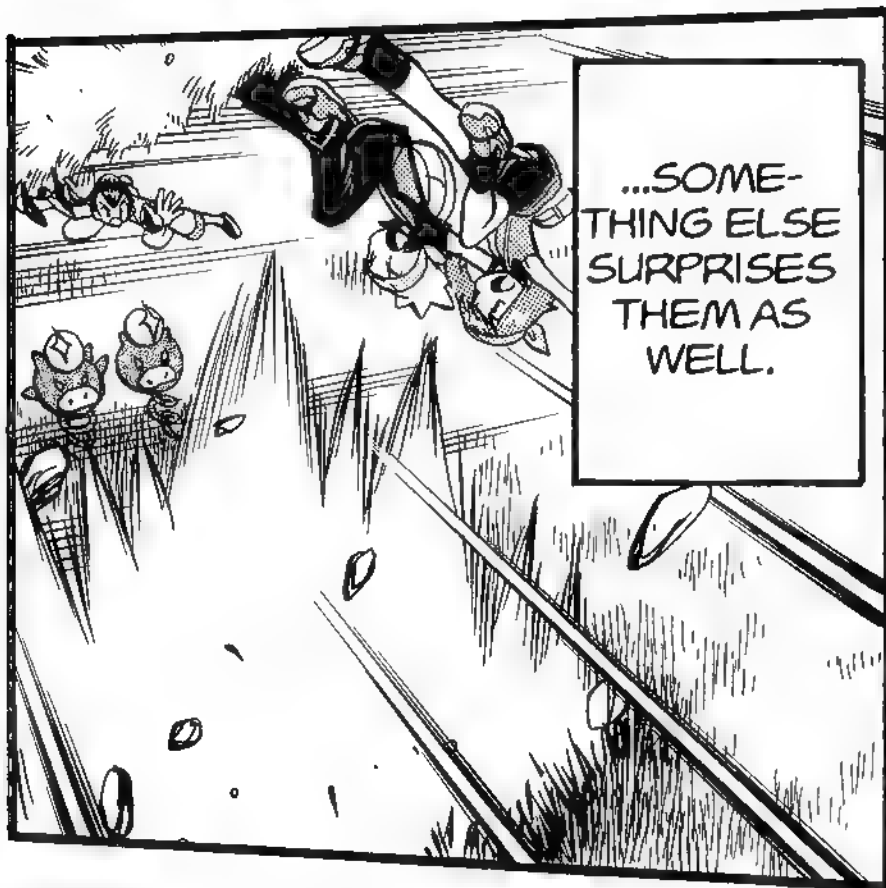


...LIKE
THE
EBB
AND
FLOW
OF
THE
TIDE...

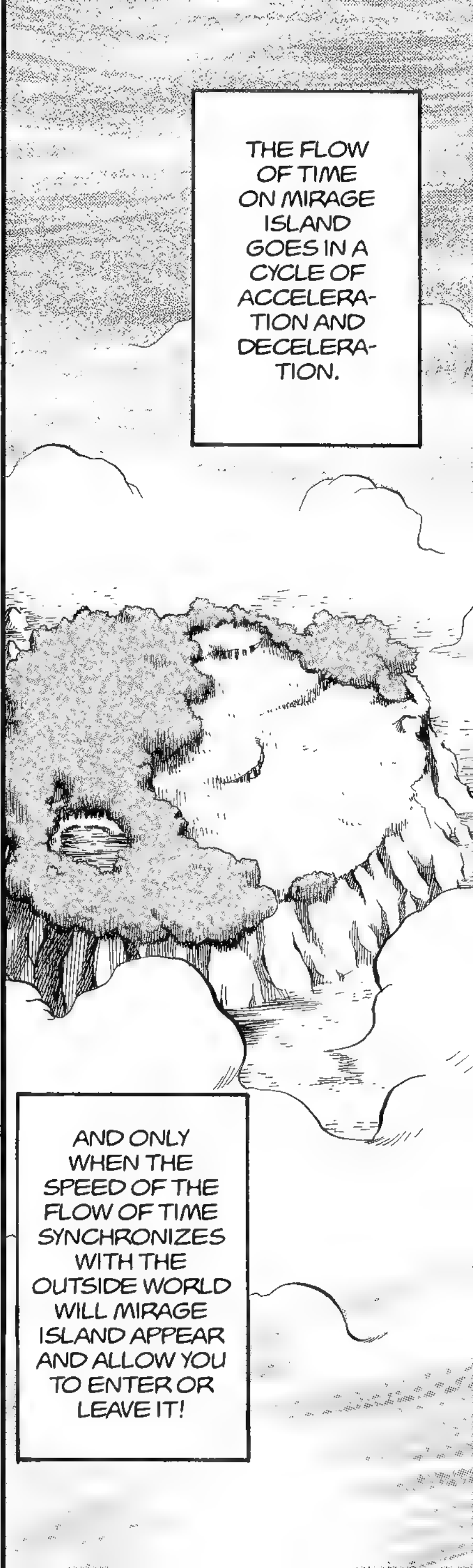
BUT THE
FLOW OF
TIME ON
MIRAGE
ISLAND
IS EVER-
CHANGING...



THE FLOW
OF TIME
ON MIRAGE
ISLAND
GOES IN A
CYCLE OF
ACCELE-
RATION AND
DECELE-
RATION.



AND ONLY
WHEN THE
SPEED OF THE
FLOW OF TIME
SYNCHRONIZES
WITH THE
OUTSIDE WORLD
WILL MIRAGE
ISLAND APPEAR
AND ALLOW YOU
TO ENTER OR
LEAVE IT!





GO,
MINUN!

GO,
PLUSLE!



NOW'S
YER
CHANCE,
MINUN!

SPOINK'S
SPECIAL
DEFENSE
HAS
DECREASED!



AWWWW

PLUSLE,
FAKE
TEARS!



RIGHT, TATE.

THEIR DOUBLE BATTLE SKILLS HAVE IMPROVED.

RIGHT, LIZA?

EXCELLENT! ONE TRAINER LOWERED THE STATS WHILE THE OTHER ATTACKED THE OPPONENT. THAT WAS A NICE COMBINATION MOVE!



IT WAS A BIG SURPRISE TO SEE YOU HERE ON THIS ISLAND!

SEEMS LIKE A LONG TIME AGO THAT WE FOUGHT ON THE ABANDONED SHIP...

FWIP FWIP FWIP

THE GYM LEADERS ARE PRAISING US, PLUSLE AND MINUN!

THIS IS GREAT!

I'M SO GLAD WE MET UP AGAIN!

BUT POKÉMON LIKE YOU WHO FIGHT AS A TEAM ARE A BIG HELP IN A DOUBLE BATTLE.



OKAY,
LET'S TAKE
A SHORT
REST. NO
USE OVER-
DOING IT.

COME
OVER
HERE,
PLUSLE
AND
MINUN.



THAT'S TRUE.
AND YOU TWO
TRAINERS ARE
GOING TO BE
FIGHTING KYOGRE
AND GROUDON
TOGETHER.

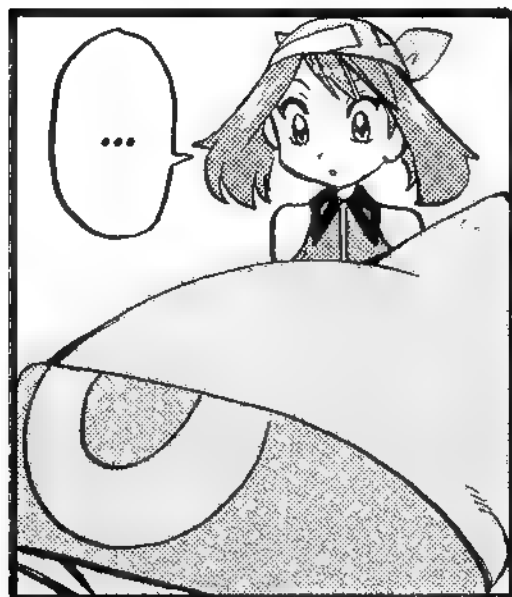
YOU'LL
NEED
ALL THE
KNOWLEDGE
AND SKILL
YOU CAN
ACQUIRE
TO FIGHT
A TWO-ON-
TWO DOUBLE
BATTLE.



I WAS A
LITTLE
LATE
USING
MUDDY
WATER
BACK AT
THE SEA-
FLOOR
CAVERN...

BUT WE'LL
NEED TO USE
A DIFFERENT
TACTIC WHEN
MUMU AND
BLAZIKEN
TEAM UP...

WE CAN
USE THAT
COMBINATION
AS A BASIC
TACTIC WITH
PLUSLE AND
MINUN...



MUMU,
YOU CAN
MOVE
AROUND
LIKE THIS
AND...

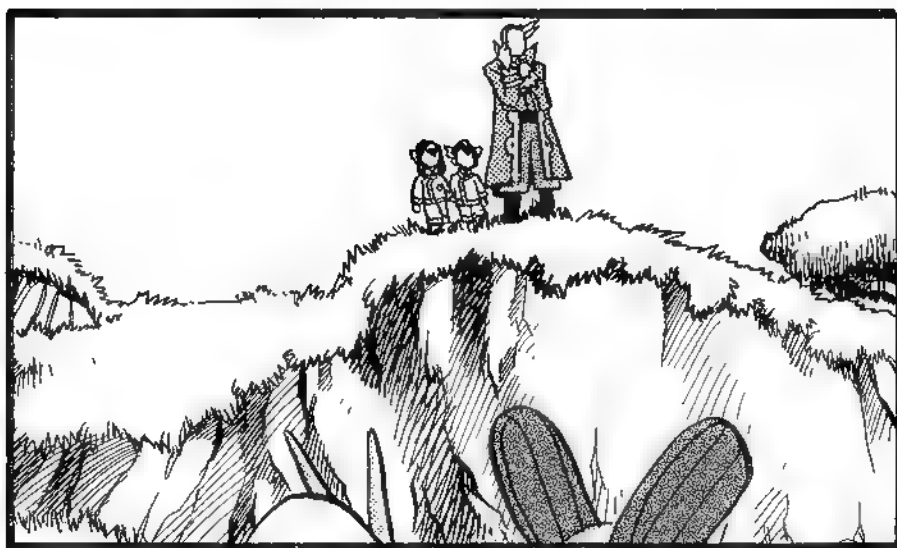
ASSUMING
THAT
BLAZIKEN
LEARNS SKY
UPPERCUT...
WHILE YOU'RE
USING THAT
MOVE...



STEVEN, WALLACE AND THE ELITE FOUR ARE FIGHTIN' NONSTOP OUT THERE!

K
L
N
C
H

HE'S RIGHT! WE'VE GOT NO TIME TO LOSE! OTHER PEOPLE ARE WORKIN' HARD TO CONTAIN THE BATTLE BETWEEN KYOGRE AND GROUDON EVEN AS WE SPEAK!



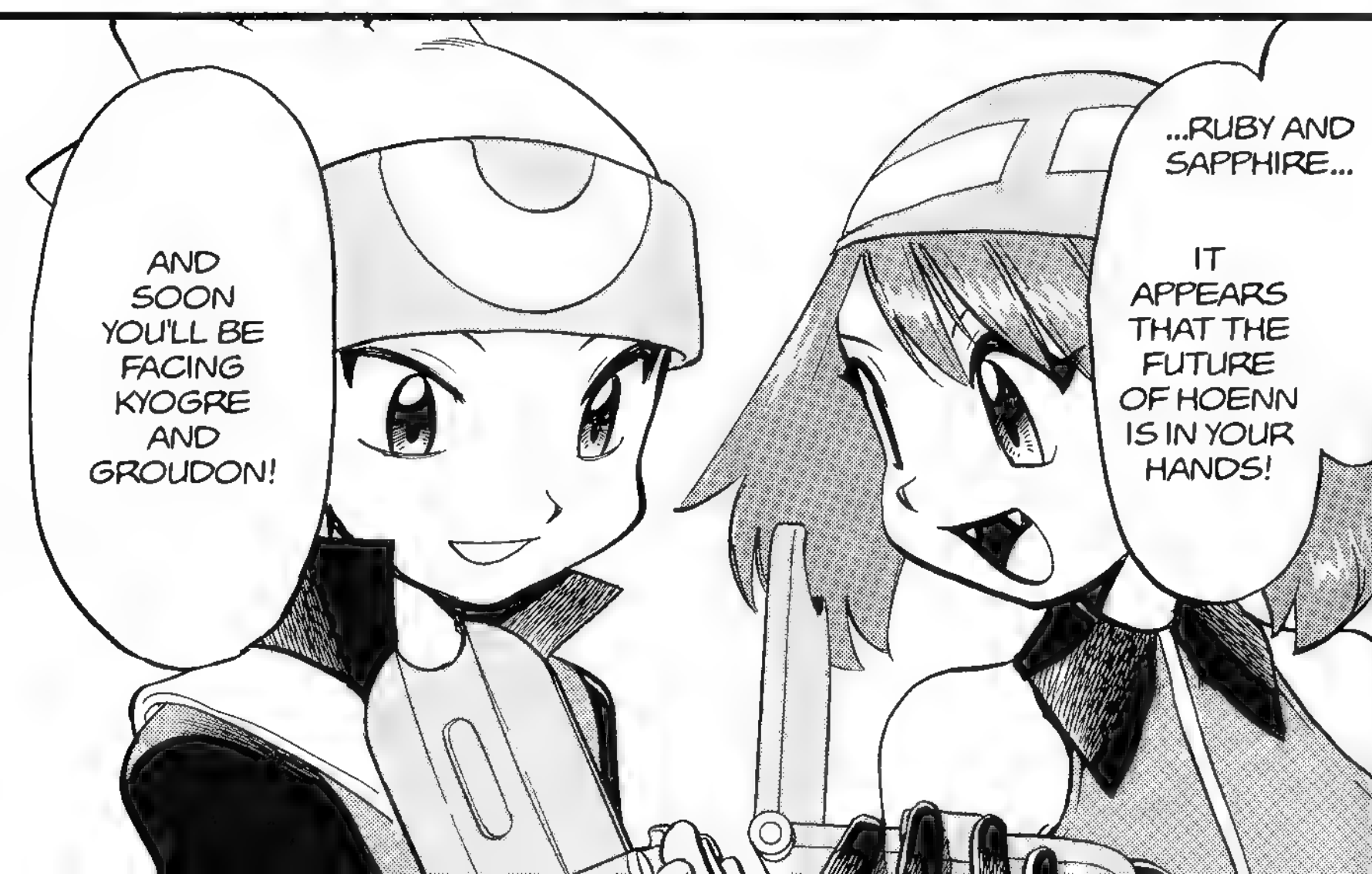
SKY
UPPERCUT,
RIGHT?
CHIC IS
REAL
CLOSE TO
LEARNIN'
THAT!

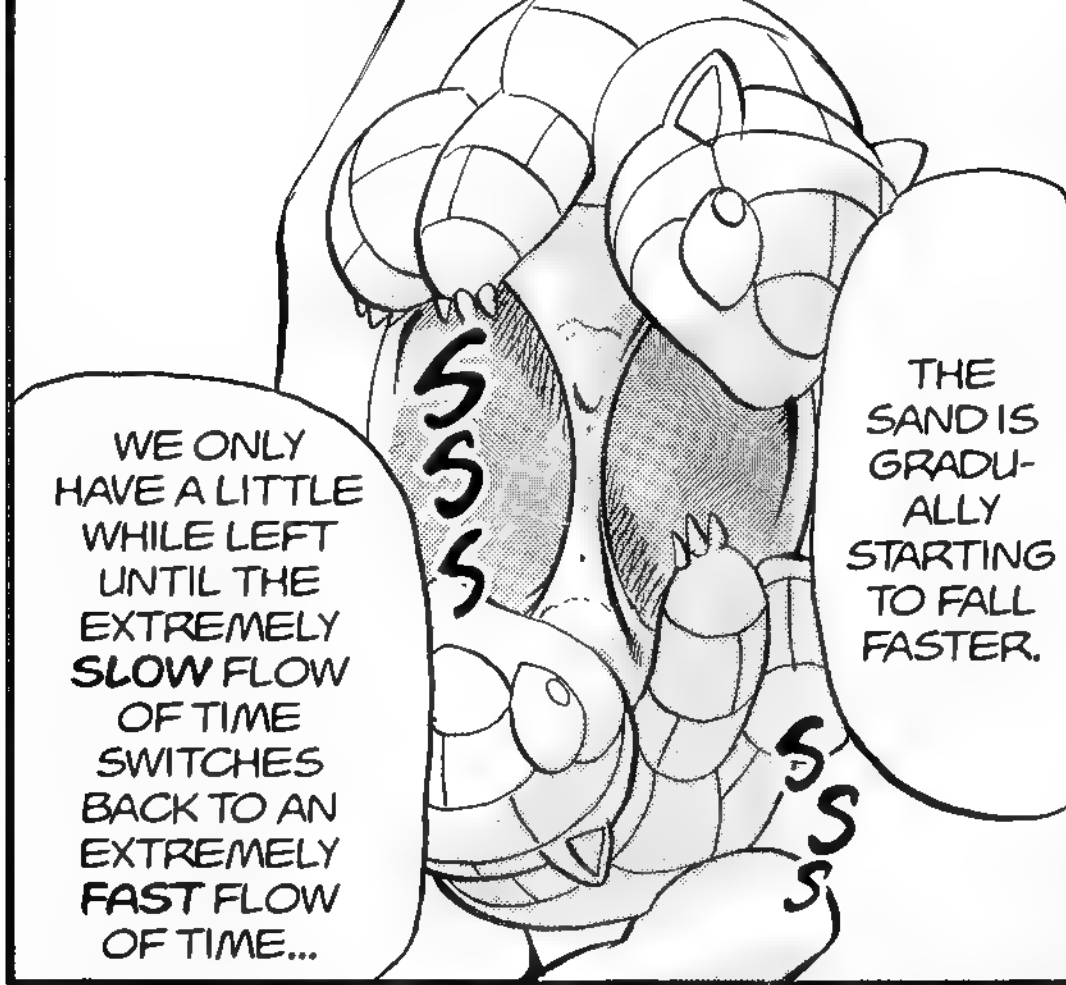
WAIT!
WAIT
FOR
ME! I'LL
PRACTICE
WITH
YA!

THEY'VE BARELY RESTED SINCE THEY STARTED TRAINING. AND THEY'RE DOING EVEN MORE THAN WE'VE ASKED OF THEM.

THEY'RE VERY GOOD.

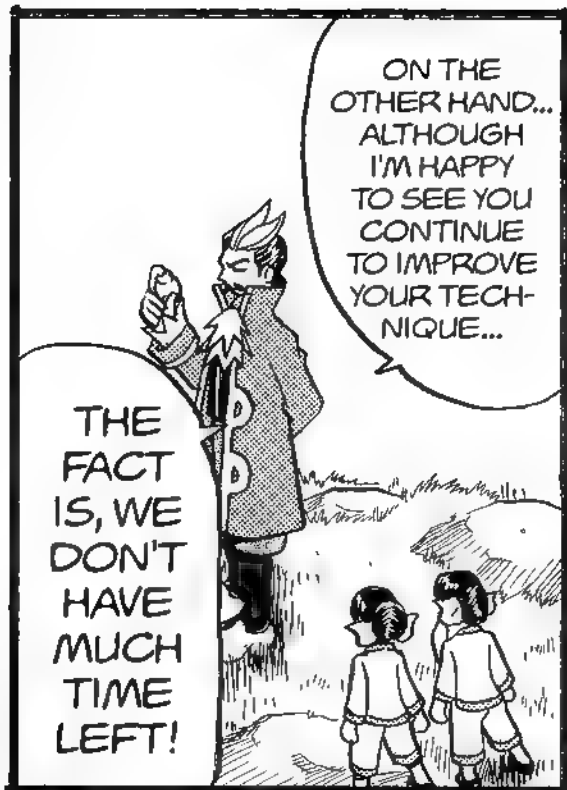
TATE, LIZA... HOW ARE THEY PROGRESSING?





WE ONLY HAVE A LITTLE WHILE LEFT UNTIL THE EXTREMELY SLOW FLOW OF TIME SWITCHES BACK TO AN EXTREMELY FAST FLOW OF TIME...

THE SAND IS GRADUALLY STARTING TO FALL FASTER.



THE FACT IS, WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME LEFT!

ON THE OTHER HAND... ALTHOUGH I'M HAPPY TO SEE YOU CONTINUE TO IMPROVE YOUR TECHNIQUE...

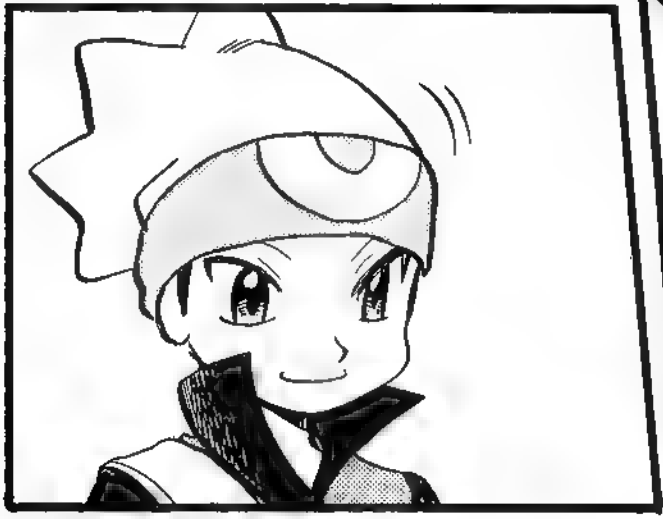


SWING YER KNUCKLE UP WITH ALL YER MIGHT!

NOW!



HUF... HUF... YAY! CHIC HAS LEARNED SKY UPPERCUT!





I DON'T
WANNA SLOW
YOU DOWN...

IF WE'RE
GONNA
FIGHT
TOGETHER
AS
PARTNERS!



...



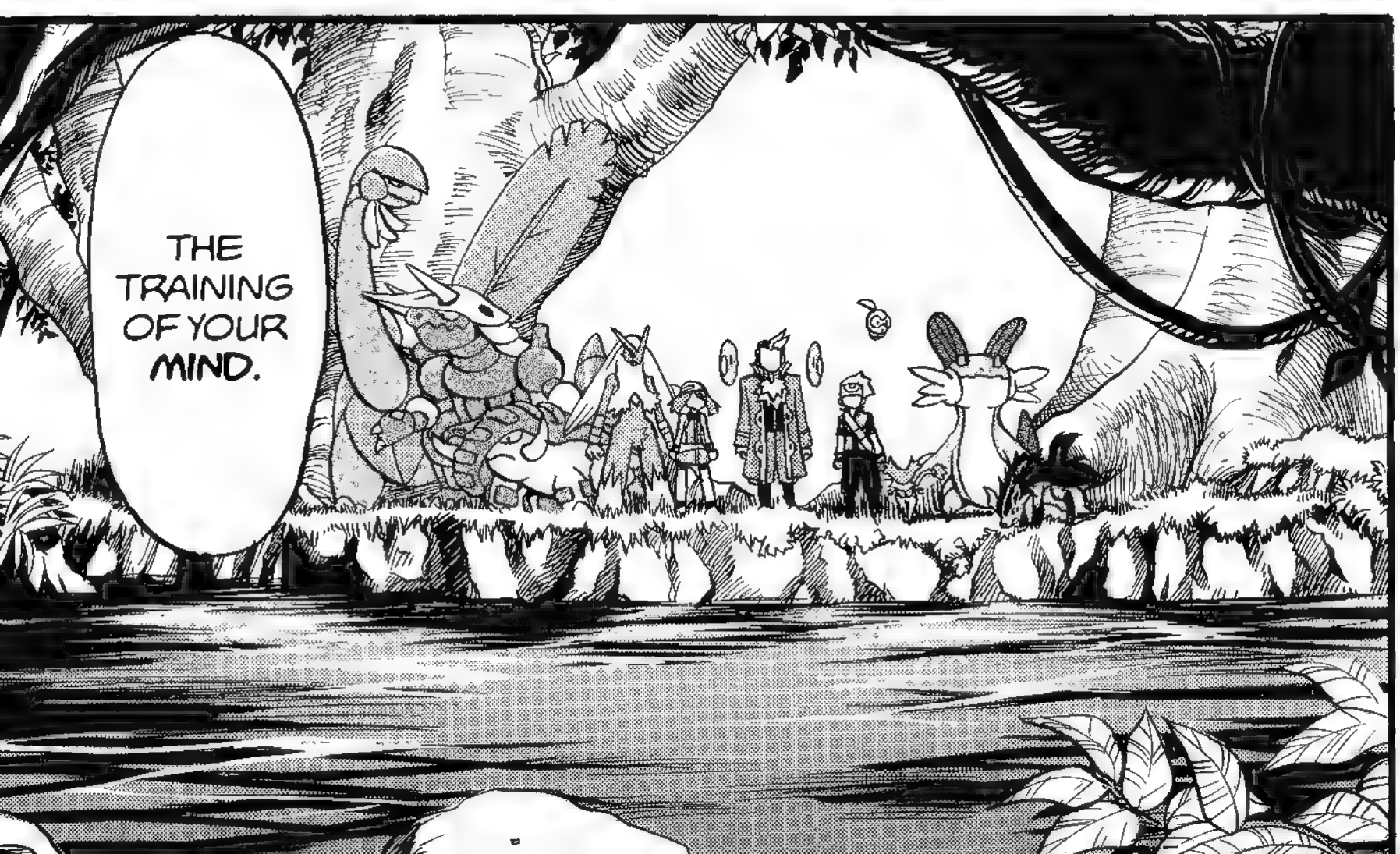
...FOR
YOUR
SECOND
TASK.

WE'LL
EX-
CHANGE
PLACES
...



NOW
IT'S MY
TURN TO
TEACH YOU
SOME-
THING.

ALL
RIGHT,
YOU
TWO!

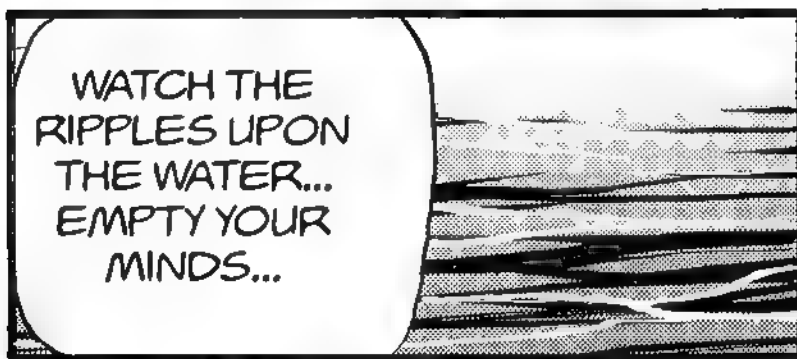


THE
TRAINING
OF YOUR
MIND.



...ALONG
WITH ALL
OF YOUR
POKÉMON.

STARE
INTO THIS
SPRING...



WATCH THE
RIPPLES UPON
THE WATER...
EMPTY YOUR
MINDS...



CALM
DOWN
...

YOU'RE ALL
FIRED UP BY
YOUR DOUBLE
BATTLE
TRAINING...
CALM YOUR
MIND AND
BODY...



INCOR-
RECT.



LEFT...

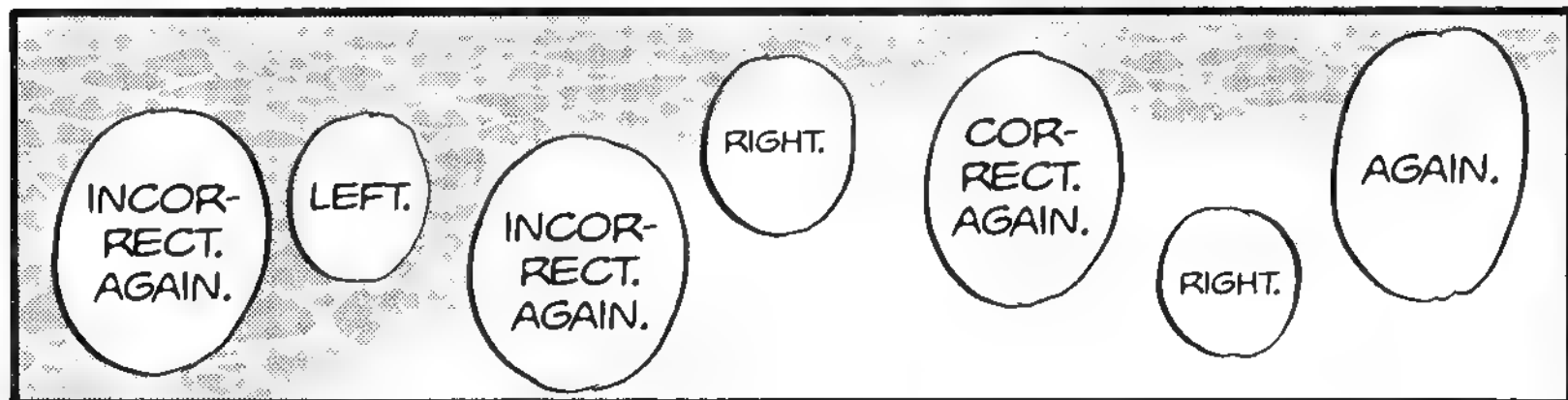


GUESS
WHICH
ONE.

I'M
HOLDING
A COIN IN
EITHER
MY RIGHT
HAND OR
MY LEFT.



REMAIN
LIKE
THAT...
YOU'RE
FIRST,
RUBY!



INCOR-
RECT.
AGAIN.

LEFT.

INCOR-
RECT.
AGAIN.

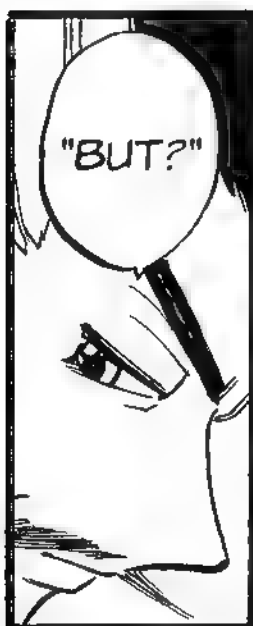
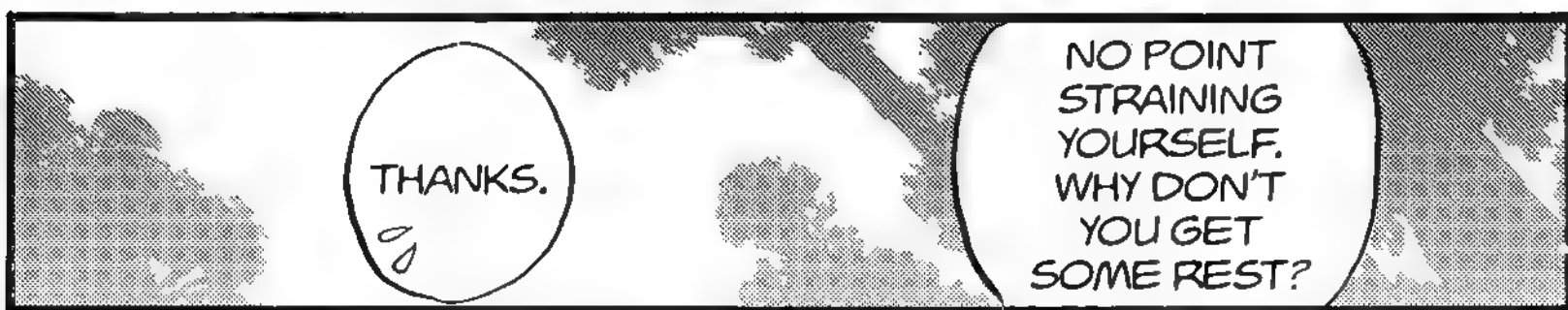
RIGHT.

COR-
RECT.
AGAIN.

RIGHT.

AGAIN.





I'M GETTING STRONGER FROM ALL THE TRAINING I'M GETTING FROM YOU AND TATE AND LIZA.



THERE'S
SOMETHING
I'VE FIGURED
OUT THAT
YOU'VE
NEGLECTED
TO TELL US...



OH?
AND
WHAT
MIGHT
THAT
BE?

GO
AHEAD.
SAY IT.



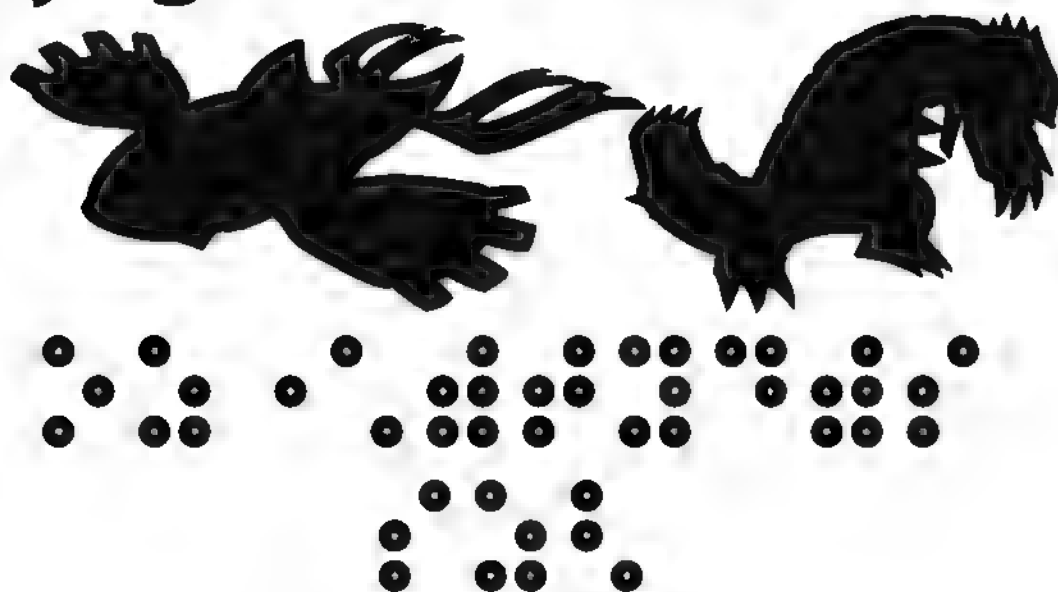
THERE'S
ONE THING
THAT
BOTHERS
ME!



THE TWO
ORBS...
THEY'RE
INSIDE US
NOW, AREN'T
THEY?!

THE ORBS
THAT WERE
PUSHED OUT
OF MAXIE
AND ARCHIE...
WENT INSIDE
ME AND
SAPPHIRE,
DIDN'T THEY?!

● Chapter 257 ●
**The Beginning of the End with
Kyogre & Groudon XV**

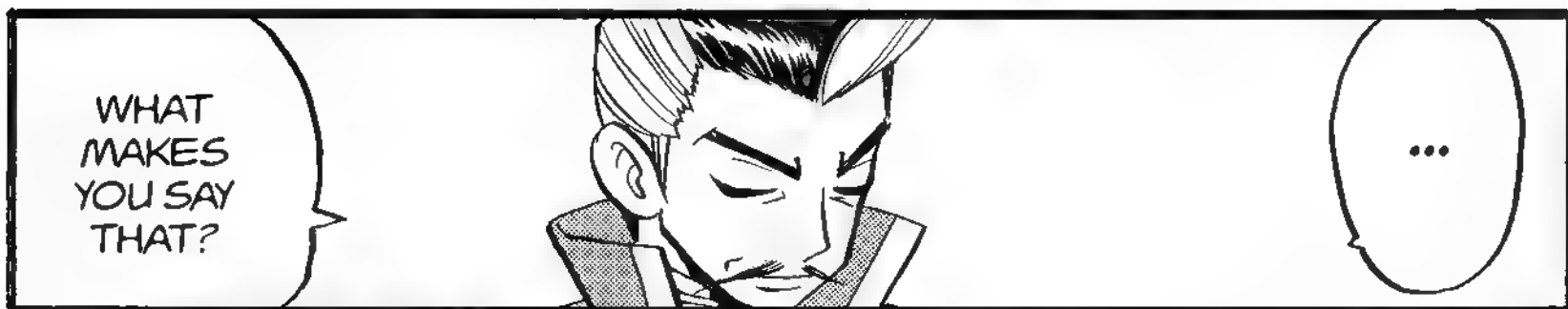


The Fourth Chapter



AM I
RIGHT?
TELL
ME!

THE
ORBS THAT GOT
PUSHED OUT
OF MAXIE AND
ARCHIE... THEY
WENT INSIDE ME
AND SAPPHIRE,
DIDN'T THEY?



WHAT
MAKES
YOU SAY
THAT?

...



...THE
PERSON
WHO
DEVELOPED
THE
SCANNER.

I READ IT
ON THE
ABANDONED
SHIP. IT'S THE
DIARY OF
THEIR
MASTER...

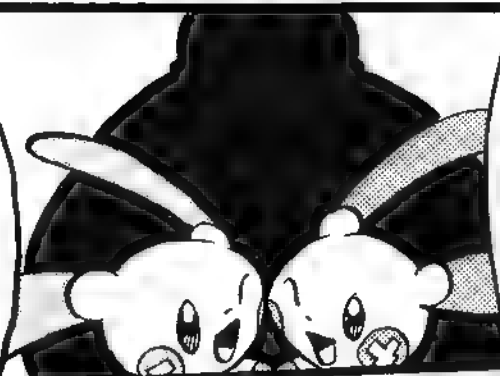


THIS DIARY
PLUSLE AND
MINUN WERE
HOLDING!

THIS!

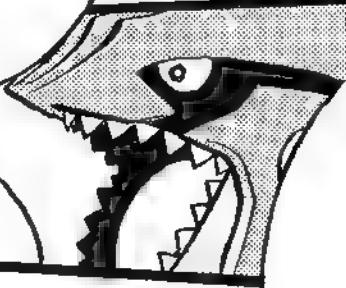


THE SCANNER
TO LOCATE THE
BLUE ORB AND
THE RED ORB!

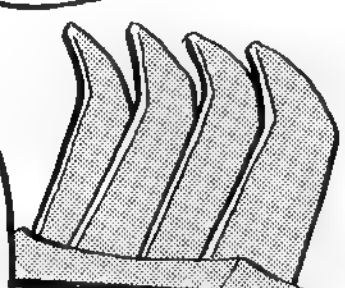


THERE WAS
ALL KINDS
OF DATA
RECORDED
INSIDE THE
DIARY ABOUT
THINGS LIKE...

HE MUST
HAVE BEEN
A SCIENTIST
WHO WAS
RESEARCHING
AND LOOKING
FOR THE ORBS
HIMSELF.



HOW
YOU NEED A
PERSON TO
WIELD THAT
POWER AND
CONTROL THE
POKÉMON.




...HOW THE
ORBS HAVE
THE POWER
TO ENERGIZE
AND CALM
KYOGRE AND
GROUDON.



NOT TO
MENTION
...



...HOW
THE ORBS
SOMETIMES
CHOOSE
PEOPLE TO
WIELD THEM!



HOW THE
ORB AND
THE PERSON
CONTROLLING
THE
POKÉMON
BECOME
ONE.

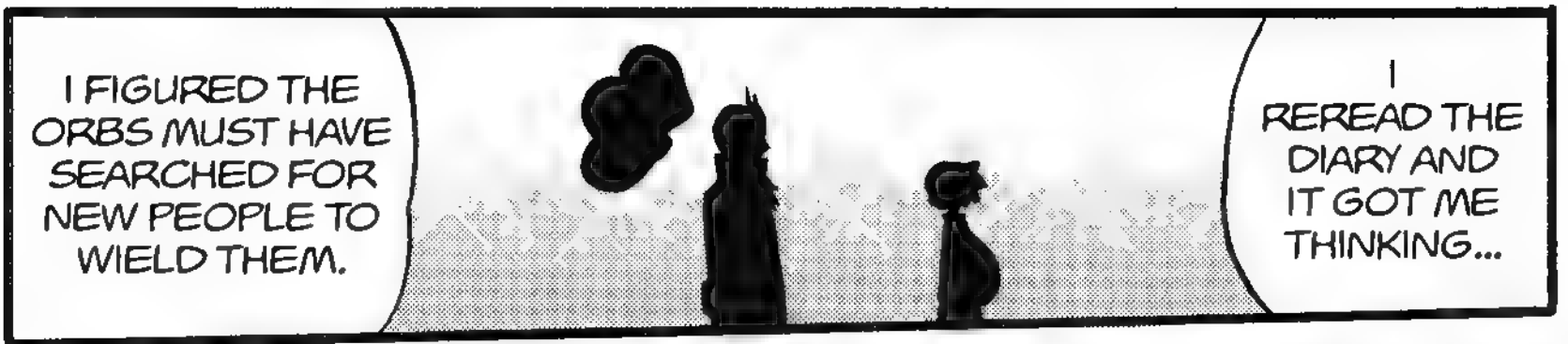


BUT YOU NEVER TOLD US WHERE THE ORBS WENT!

YOU TOLD US THE ORBS WERE PUSHED OUT OF MAXIE AND ARCHIE'S BODY BY OUR ATTACK.

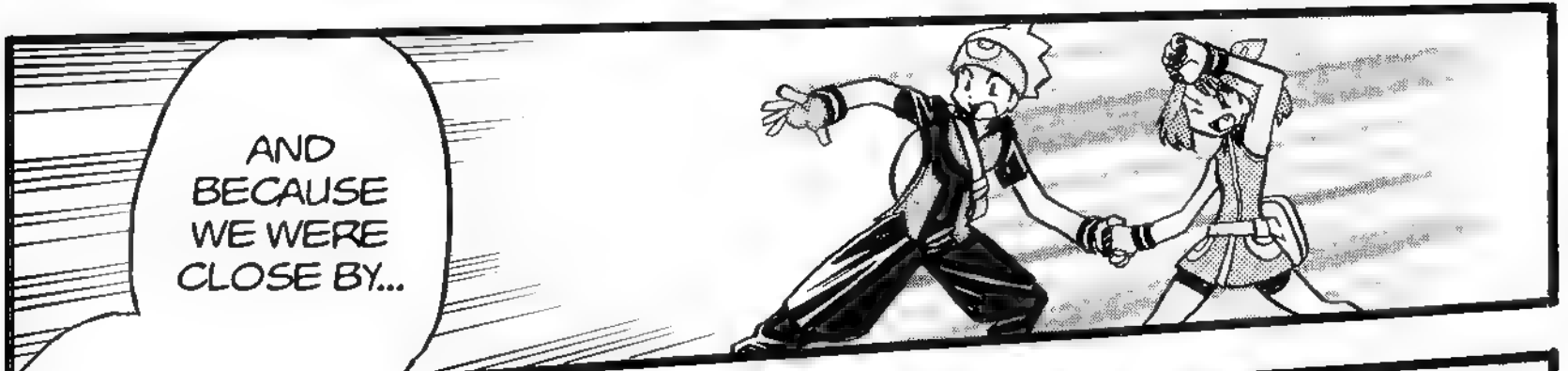


...



I FIGURED THE ORBS MUST HAVE SEARCHED FOR NEW PEOPLE TO WIELD THEM.

I REREAD THE DIARY AND IT GOT ME THINKING...



AND BECAUSE WE WERE CLOSE BY...



...THEY FOUND US.



AND IT'S THE
SAME MARK
THAT I SAW
ON MAXIE
AND ARCHIE'S
BODIES IN THE
SEAFLOOR
CAVERN!

I
KNOW
I'M
RIGHT!

THIS
MARK HAS
BEEN SLOWLY
APPEARING
ON THE BACK
OF MY HAND
WHILE I'VE BEEN
TRAINING
HERE.



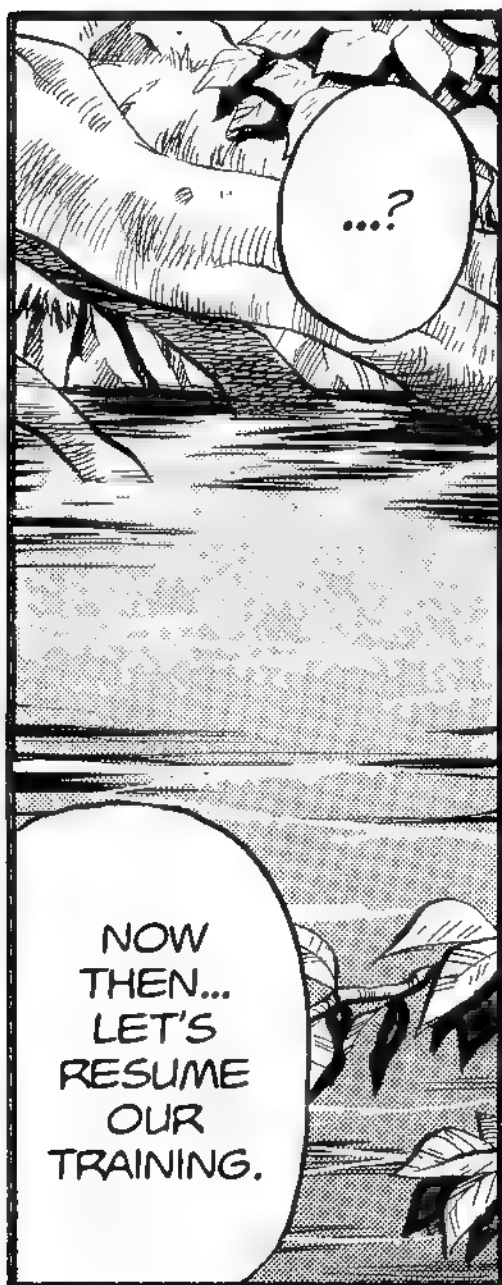
I'M NOT
TALKING
DOWN
TO YOU.

PLEASE
DON'T
TALK
DOWN
TO ME,
GRAND
MASTER.



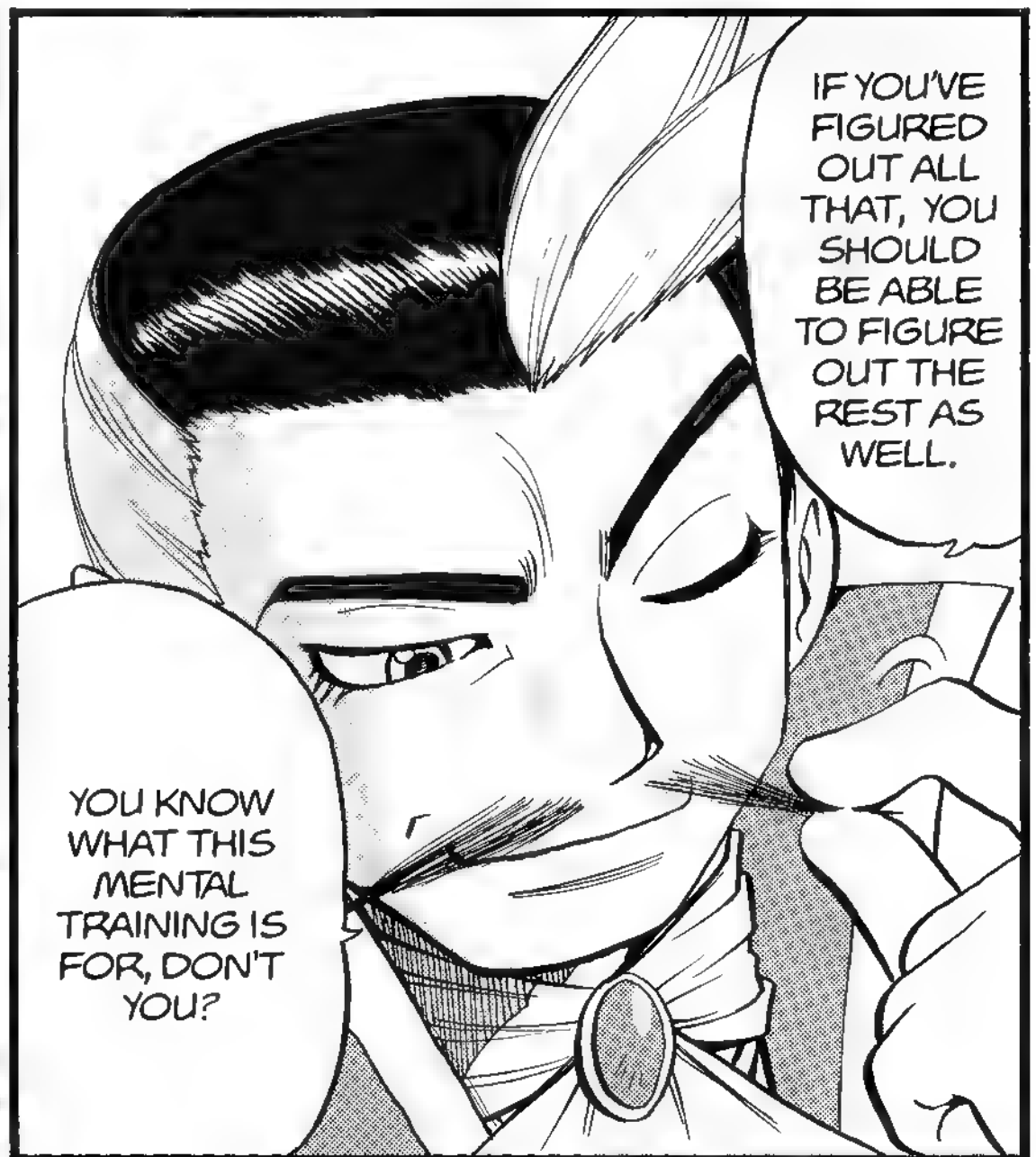
WHAT YOU
SAID IS
CORRECT...
FOR THE
MOST PART.
YOU ARE VERY
LOGICAL.

BRAVO!
K L A P
K L A P
K L A P



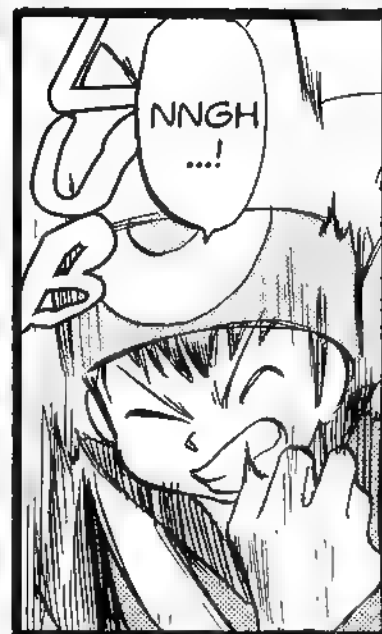
...?

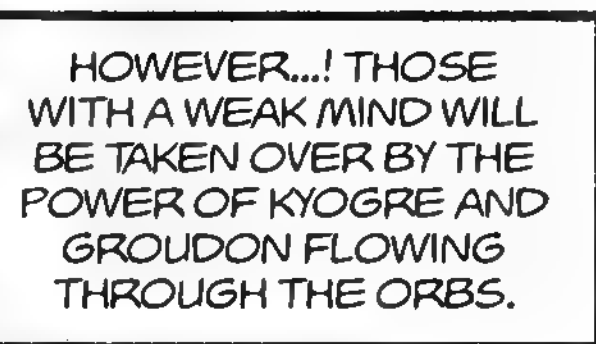
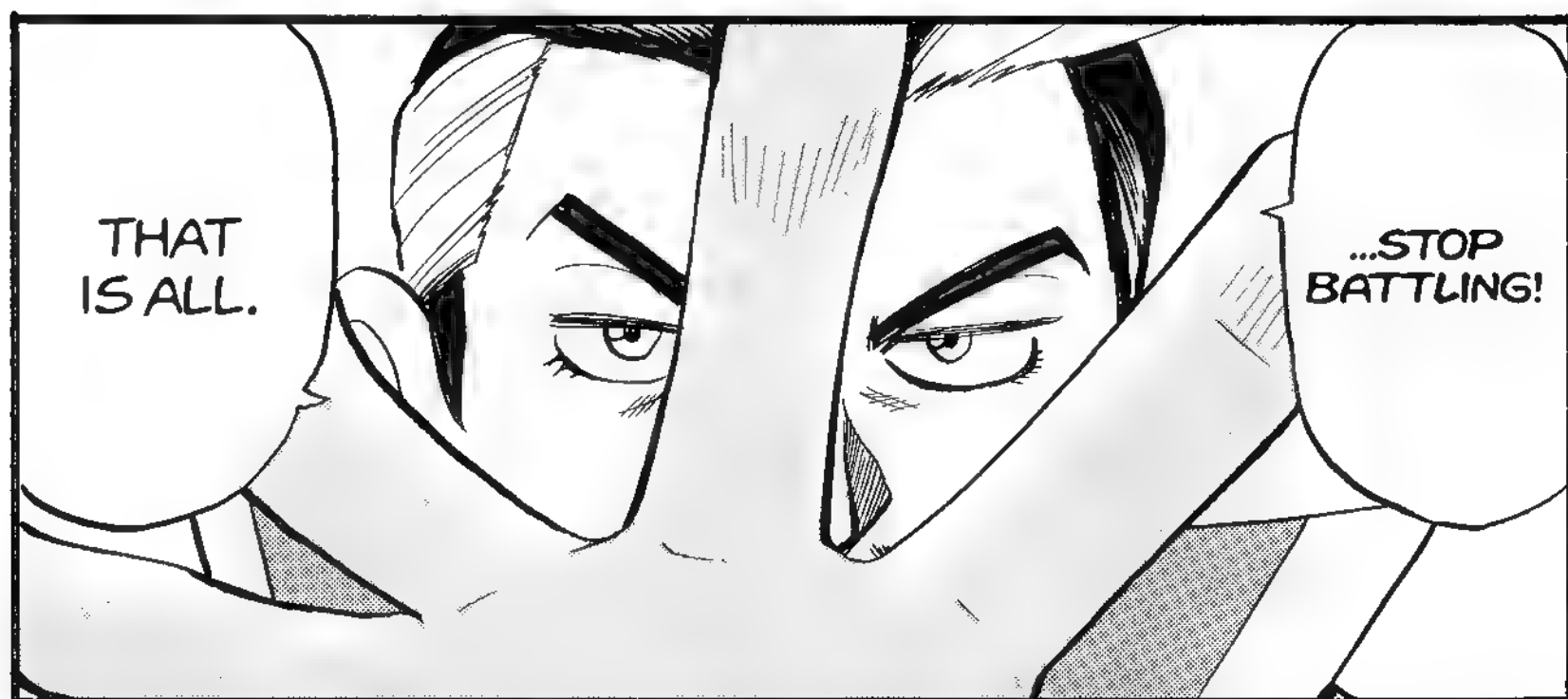
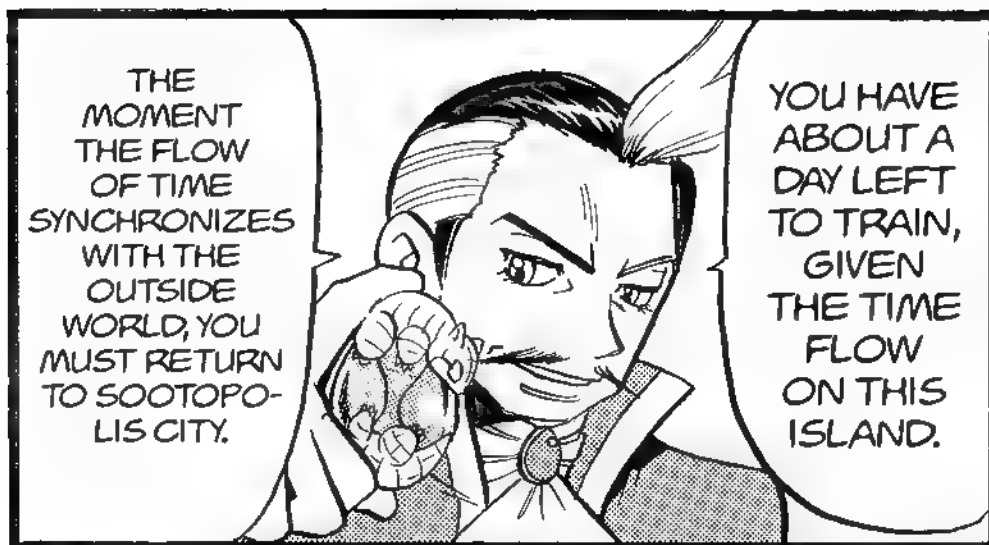
NOW
THEN...
LET'S
RESUME
OUR
TRAINING.

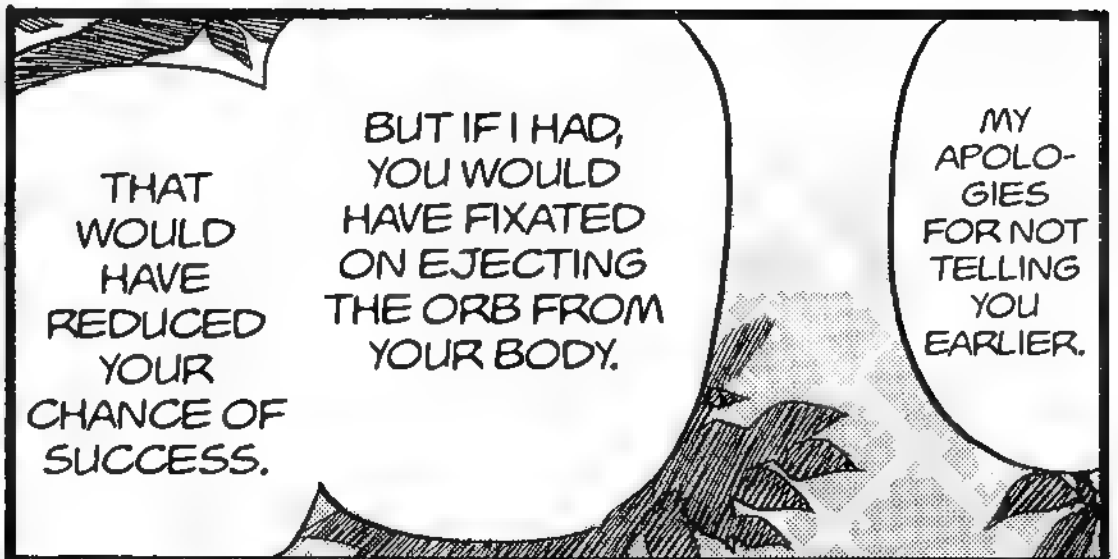
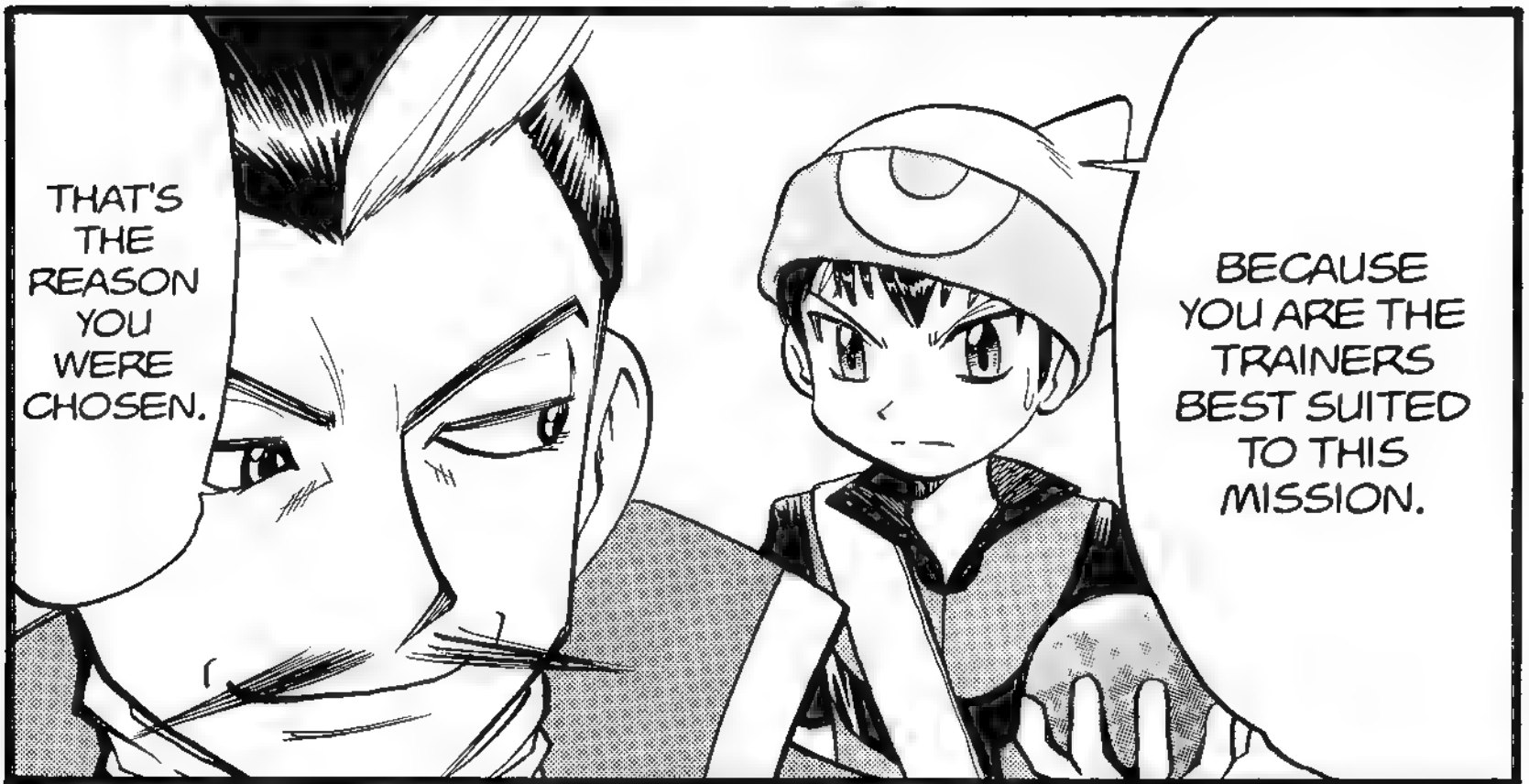
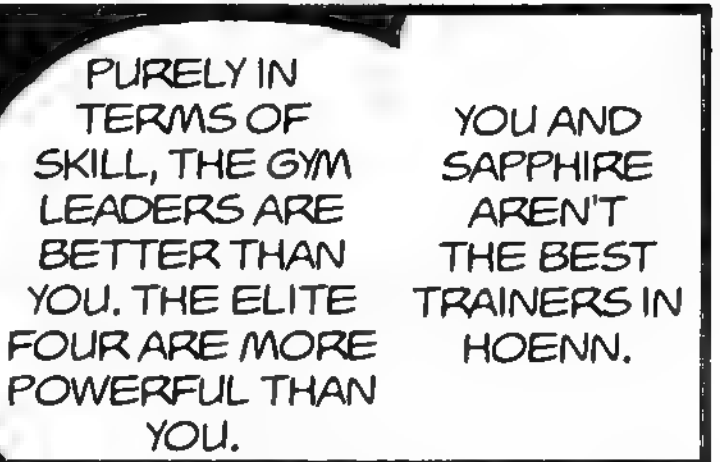
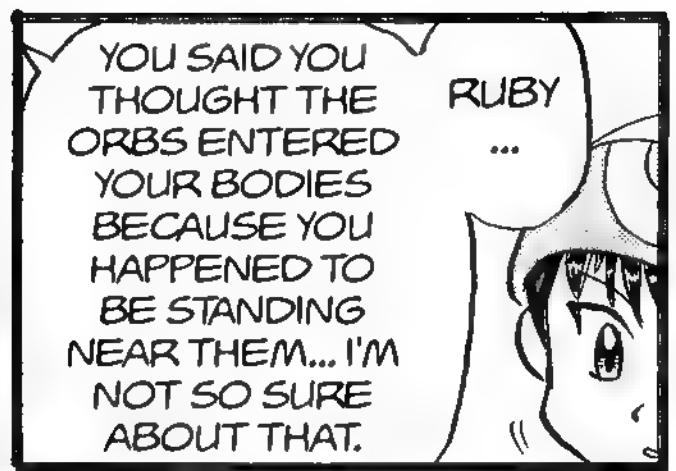


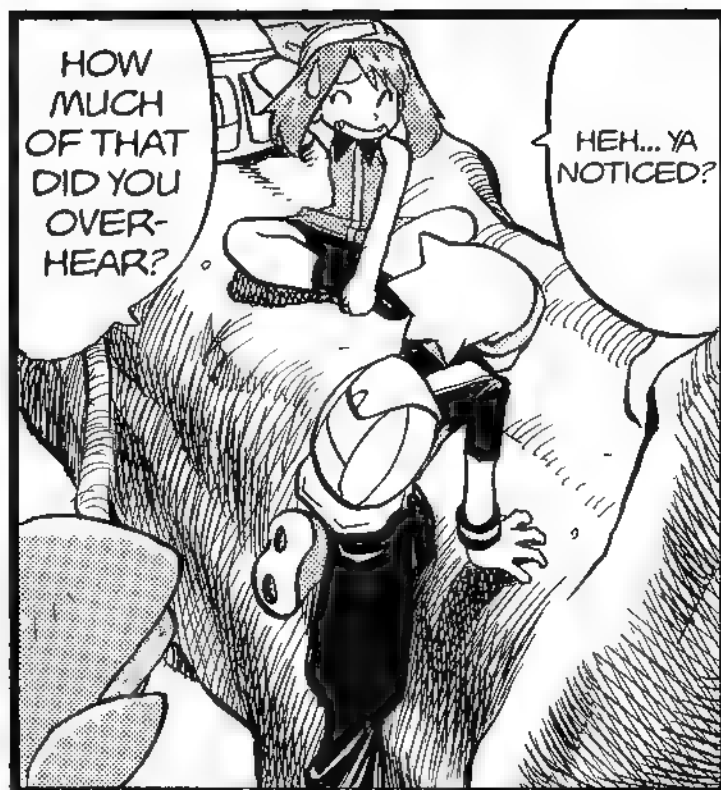
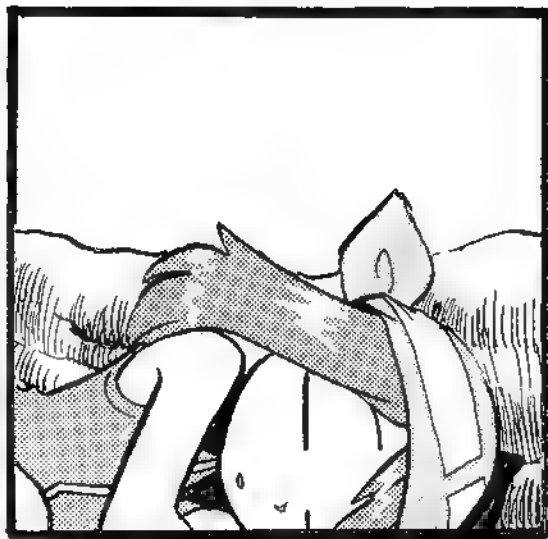
IF YOU'VE
FIGURED
OUT ALL
THAT, YOU
SHOULD
BE ABLE
TO FIGURE
OUT THE
REST AS
WELL.

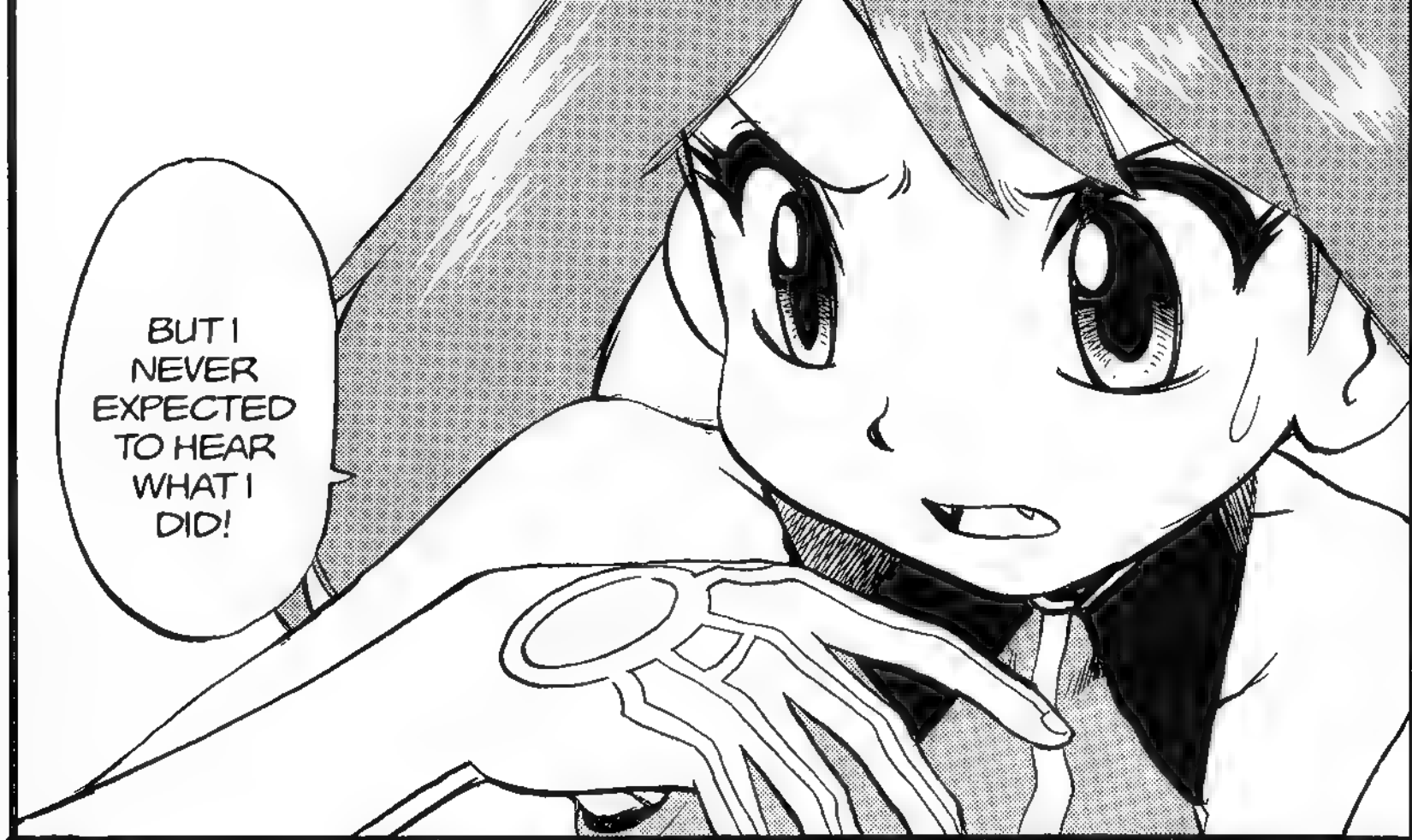
YOU KNOW
WHAT THIS
MENTAL
TRAINING IS
FOR, DON'T
YOU?











BUT I
NEVER
EXPECTED
TO HEAR
WHAT I
DID!



HOW ARE
WE GOING
TO HANDLE
THIS?

I
GUESS
SO.

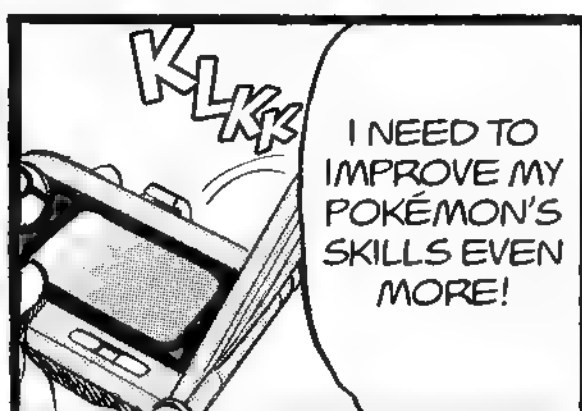
DON'T WORRY
ABOUT IT,
THOUGH! I
WOULDA FOUND
OUT SOONER
OR LATER
ANYWAYS.



MY
POKÉDEX
HAS BEEN
ACTING
WEIRD
EVER
SINCE
WE CAME
TO THIS
ISLAND.

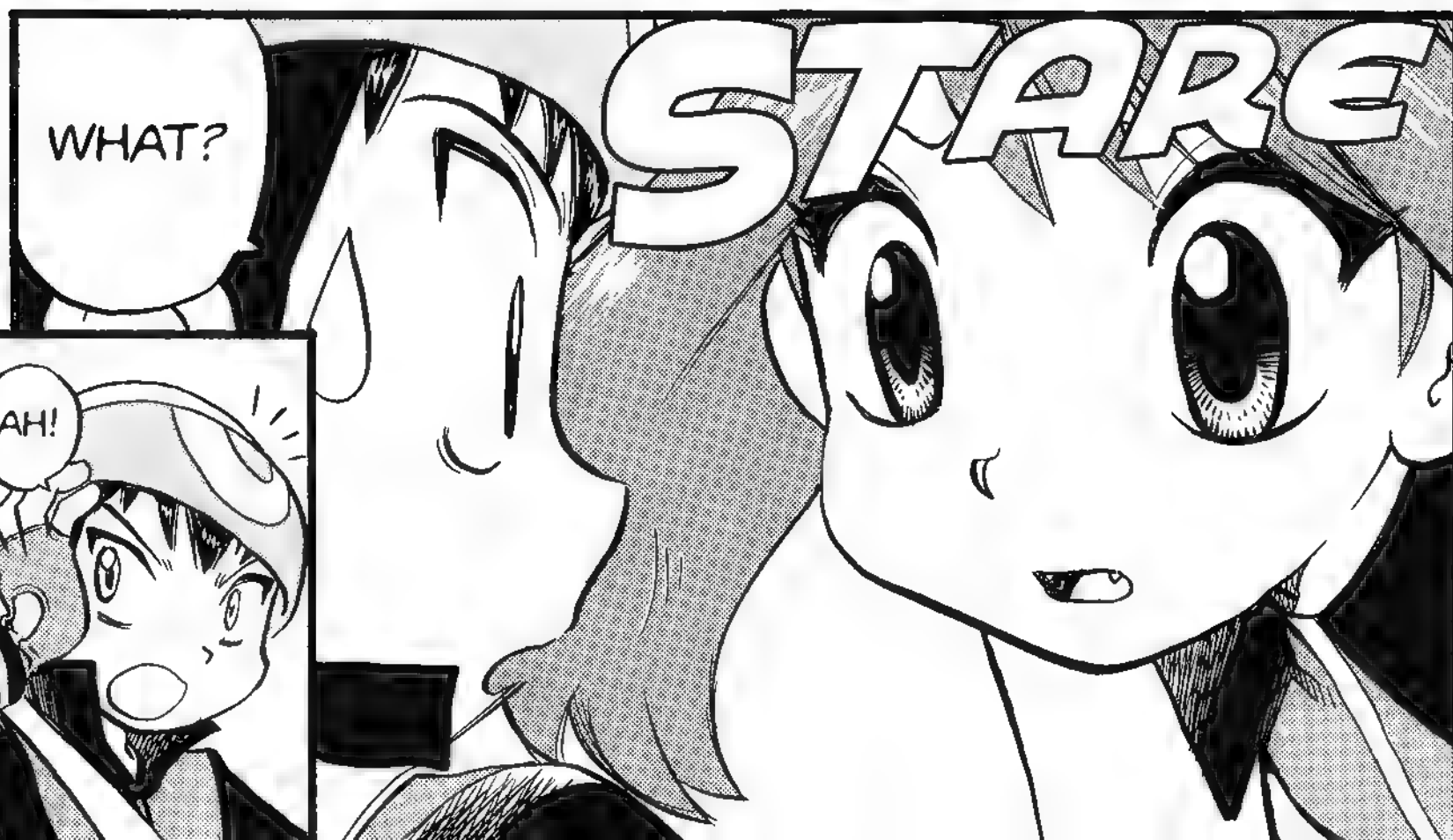


HUH
?



KLKK

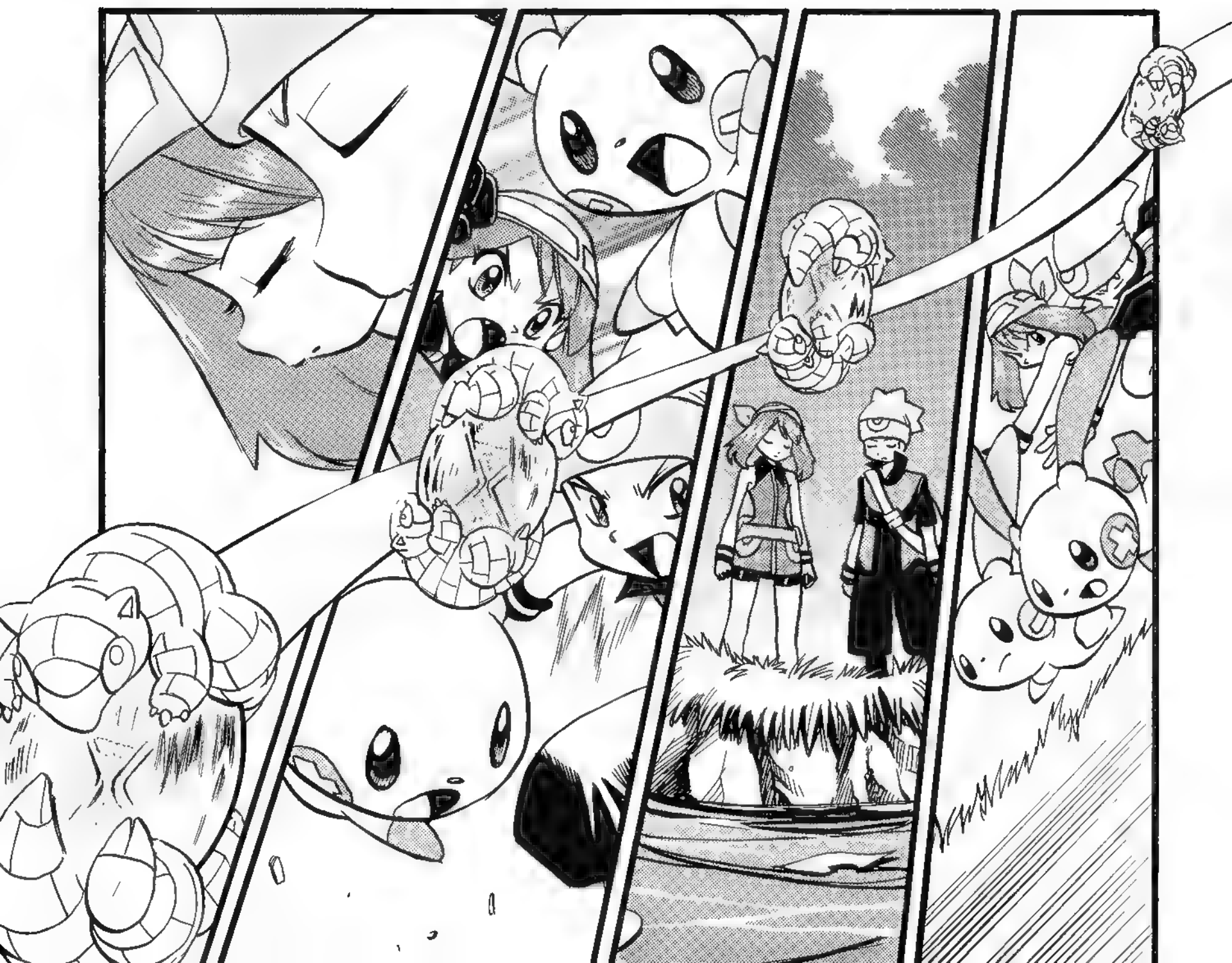
I NEED TO
IMPROVE MY
POKÉMON'S
SKILLS EVEN
MORE!



WHAT?

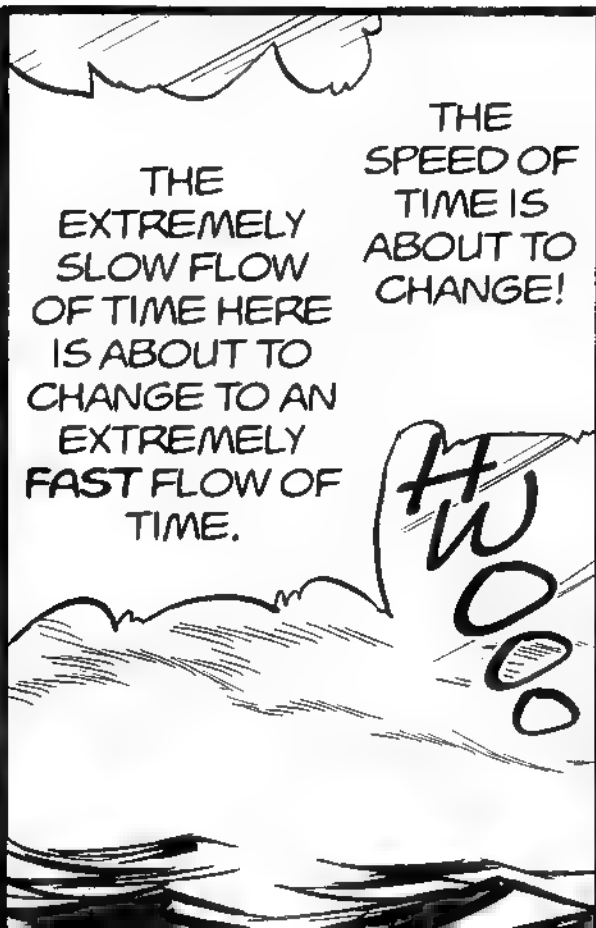
STARE

AH!





THAT'S THE
MOMENT
THIS
ISLAND
SYNCHRO-
NIZES
WITH THE
OUTSIDE
WORLD!



THE
EXTREMELY
SLOW FLOW
OF TIME HERE
IS ABOUT TO
CHANGE TO AN
EXTREMELY
FAST FLOW OF
TIME.

THE
SPEED OF
TIME IS
ABOUT TO
CHANGE!



AH,
RIGHT.
THERE'S
RAIN
BLOWING
IN THAT
WIND...

IT'S
TIME,
JUAN!



...MIRAGE ISLAND!



THAT'S ...

I CAN JUST BARELY SEE IT...



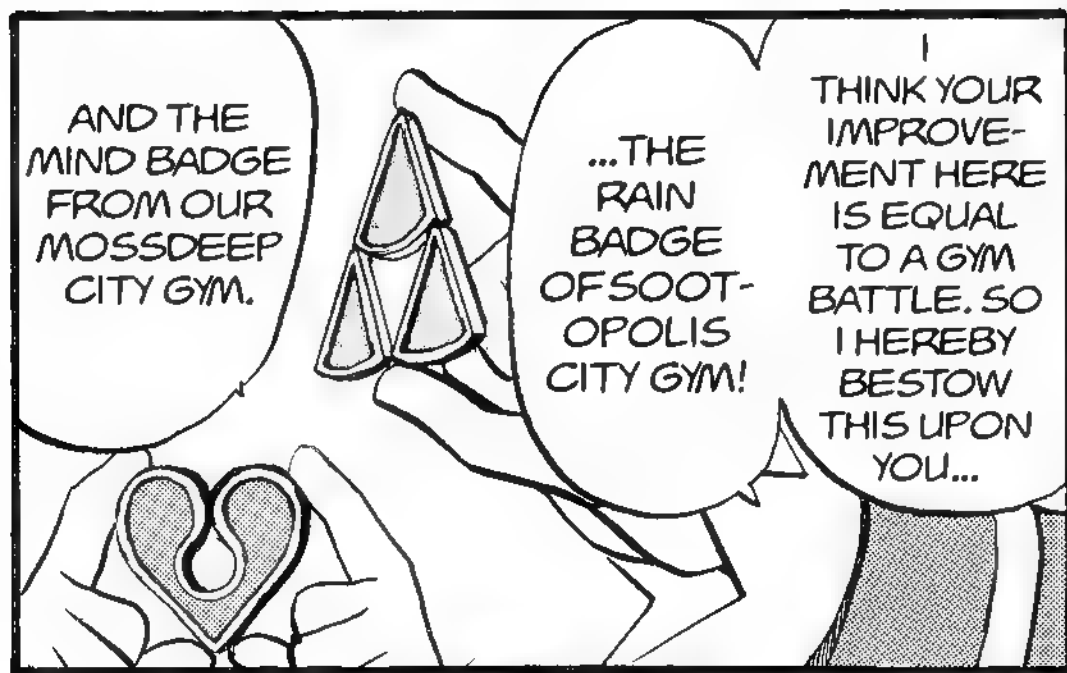
HWOOOOSH

SKY PILLAR ...

AHHH!



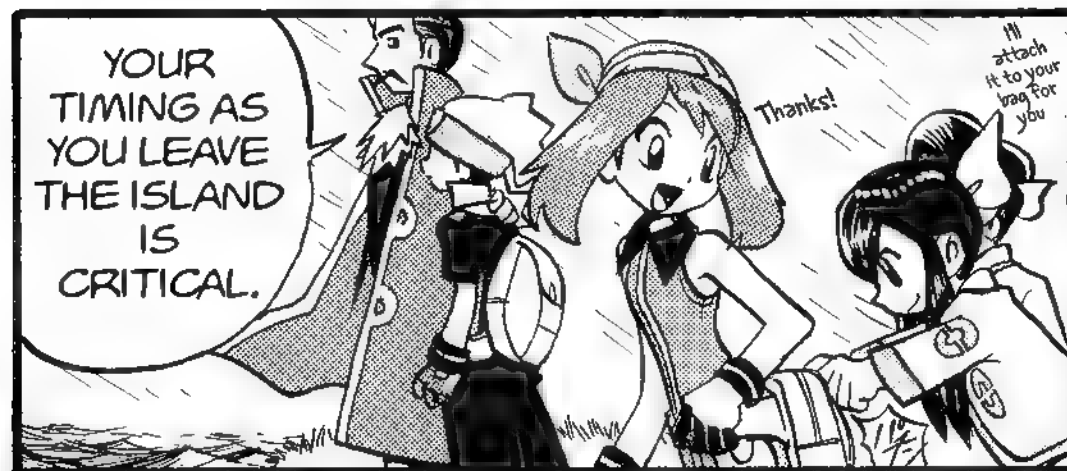
HWOOOSHSSHH



AND THE MIND BADGE FROM OUR MOSSDEEP CITY GYM.

...THE RAIN BADGE OF SOOT-OPOLIS CITY GYM!

I THINK YOUR IMPROVEMENT HERE IS EQUAL TO A GYM BATTLE. SO I HEREBY BESTOW THIS UPON YOU...



YOUR TIMING AS YOU LEAVE THE ISLAND IS CRITICAL.

Thanks!

I'll attach it to your bag for you



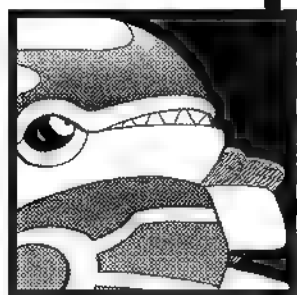
COME TO THINK OF IT, YOUR DREAM IS TO VISIT AND FIGHT ALL THE GYM LEADERS, ISN'T IT, SAPPHIRE?

RUBY, SAPPHIRE... YOU'VE TRAINED WELL.

YEP. THAT'S RIGHT.



ADVENTURE MAP



SAPPHIRE



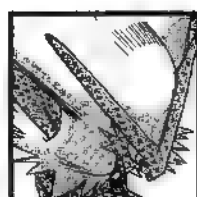
RUBY

Route 126

Seafloor Cavern

Sootopolis City

Mirage Island



CHIC
Blaziken ♀

Lv59



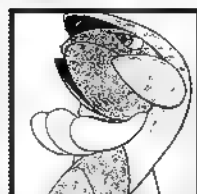
RONO
Aggron ♂

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PHADO
Donphan ♂

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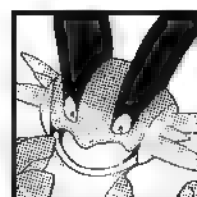
TROPPO
Tropius ♂

Lv56



MINUN
Minun ♀

Lv52



MUMU
Swampert ♂



NANA
Mightyena ♀



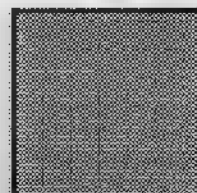
KIKI
Delcatty ♀



FOFO
Castform ♀



PLUSLE
Plusle ♂

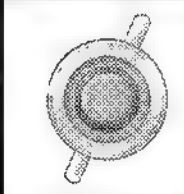
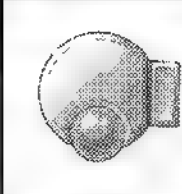
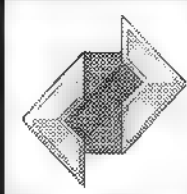


Stone Badge

Knuckle Badge

Dynamo Badge

Heat Badge

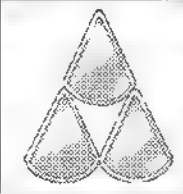
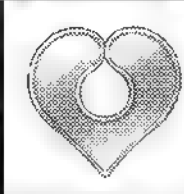
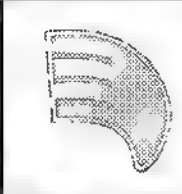


Balance Badge

Feather Badge

Mind Badge

Rain Badge



Cool

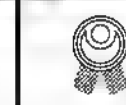
Beauty

Cute

Smart

Tough

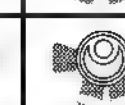
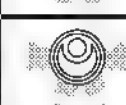
Normal



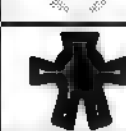
Super



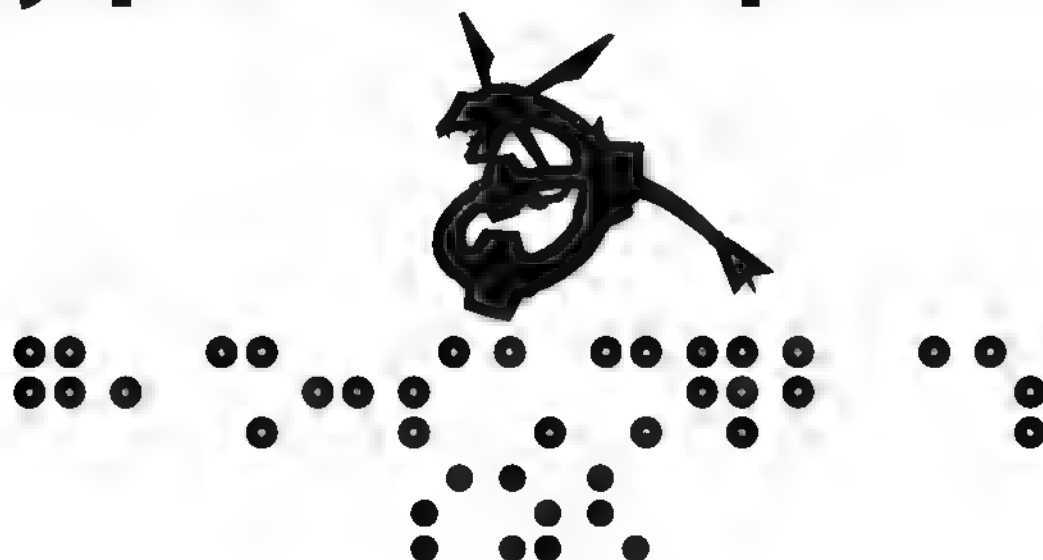
Hyper



Master



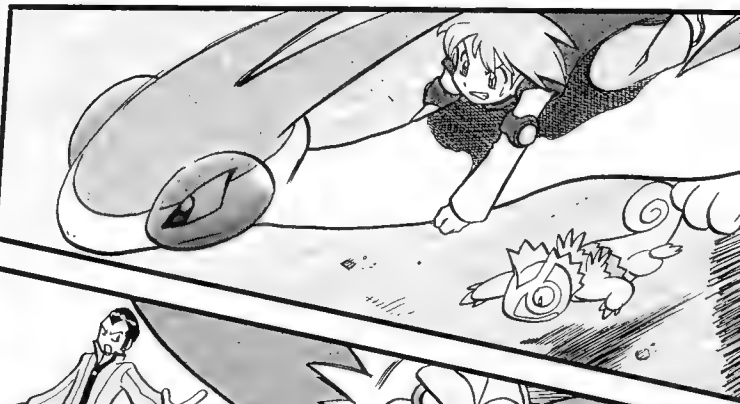
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Rayquaza Redemption I



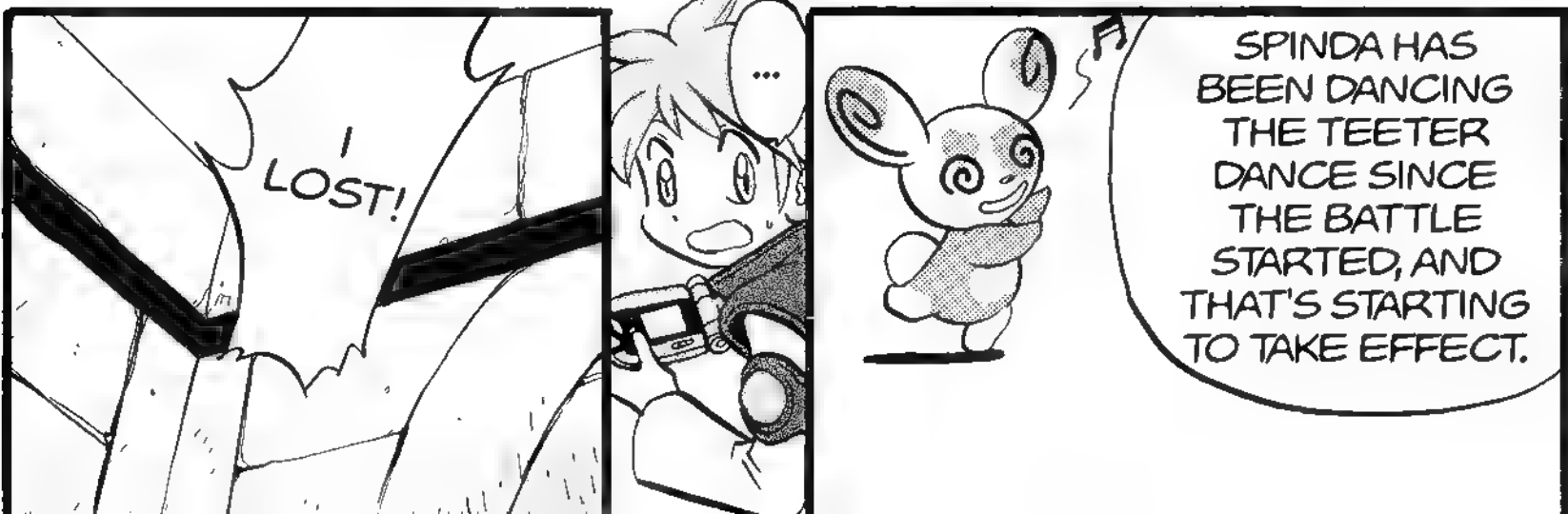
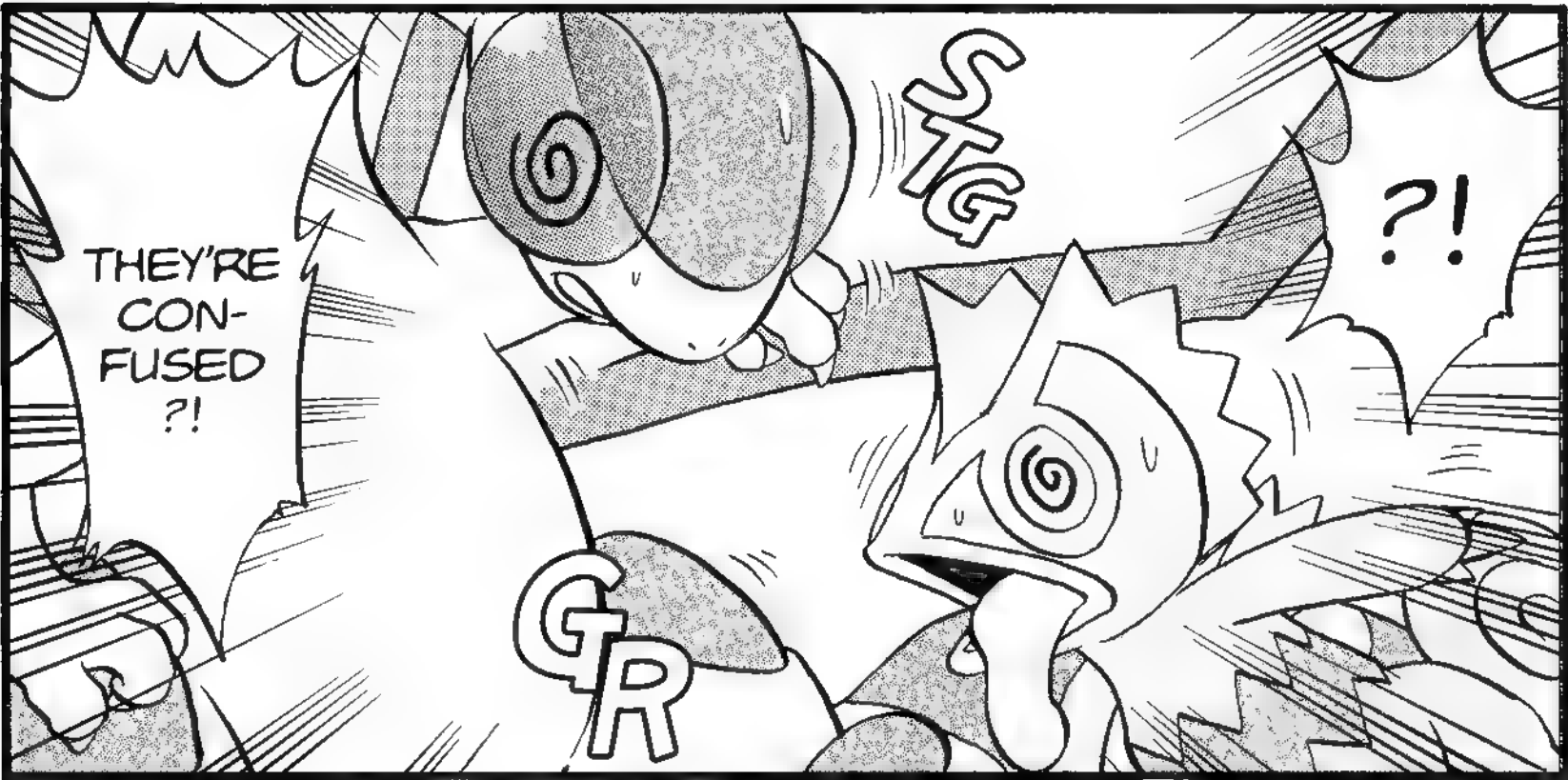
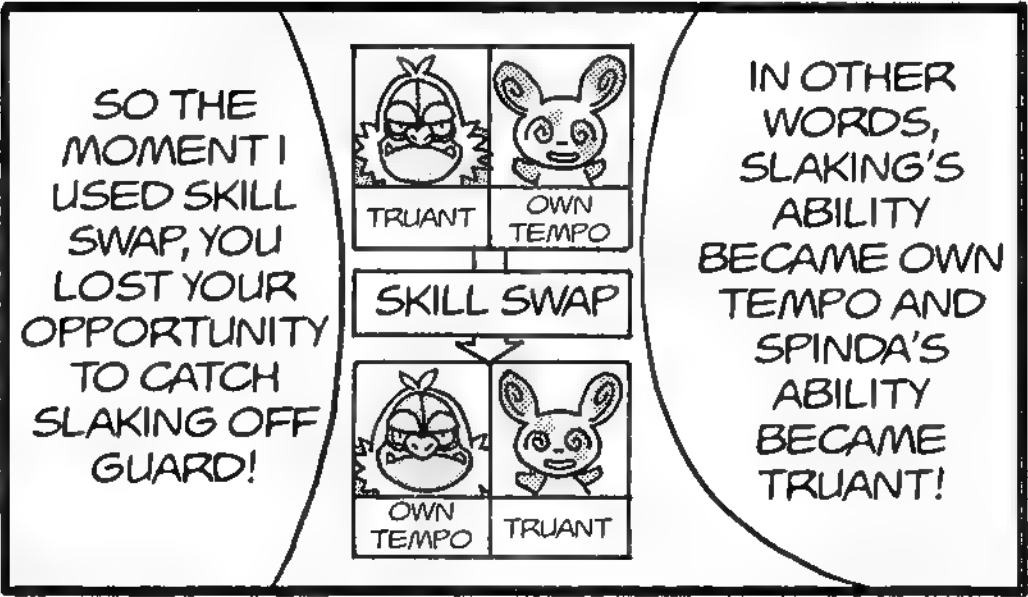
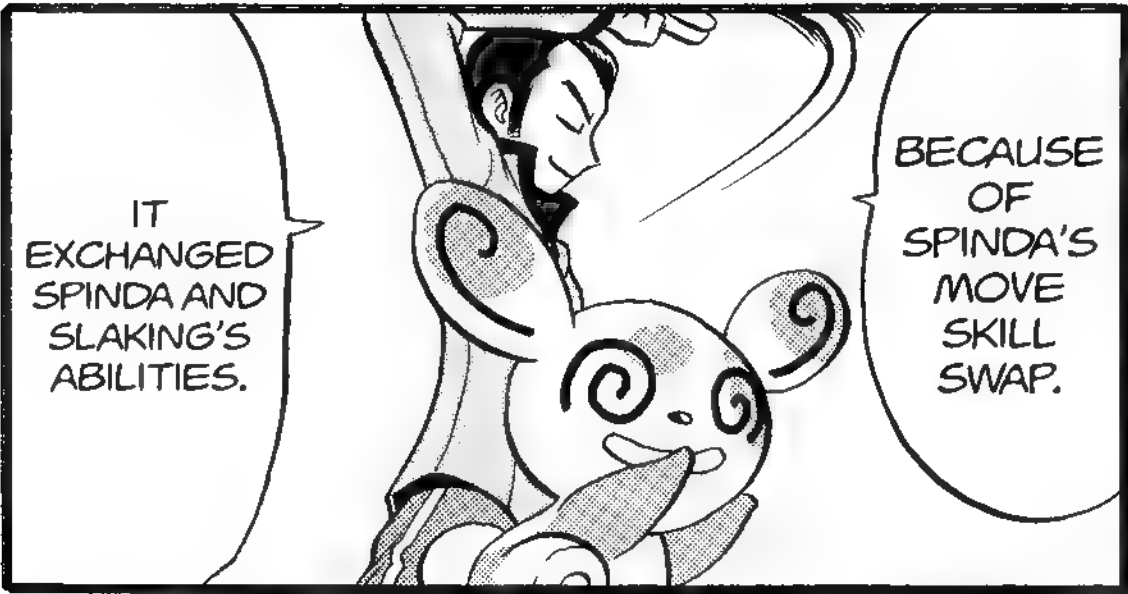
The Fourth Chapter



WHILE RUBY AND SAPPHIRE
PREPARE TO DEPART FROM
MIRAGE ISLAND, NORMAN AND
WALLY ARE STILL TRAINING ON
THE FIFTIETH FLOOR OF THE
SKY PILLAR!





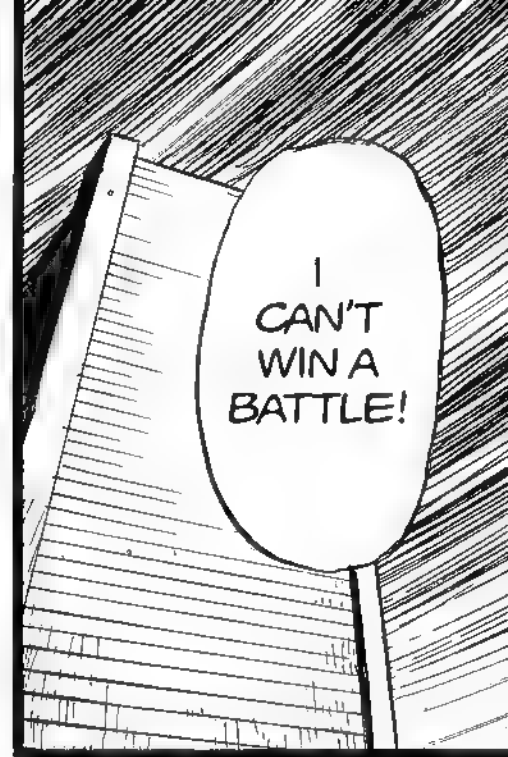




THAT
POKÉDEX
HAS
HELPED
YOU A
LOT.

I'M NOT GOING
EASY ON YOU AND
YOU'RE ABLE TO
PUT UP A GOOD
FIGHT! THAT'S
SOMETHING
YOU SHOULD BE
PROUD OF.

NOT
YET.



I
CAN'T
WIN A
BATTLE!



THE
PERSON
WHO LOST
IT MUST
BE
LOOKING
FOR IT!

AND FOR
THEIR
TREECKO,
WHO
EVOLVED
INTO A
GROVYLE...



BUT IS IT
ALL RIGHT
FOR ME...
TO USE
THIS...
POKÉDEX?

IT'S A
COINCIDENCE
THAT IT FELL
INTO MY
HANDS.



AND
THAT'S
NOT
ALL!



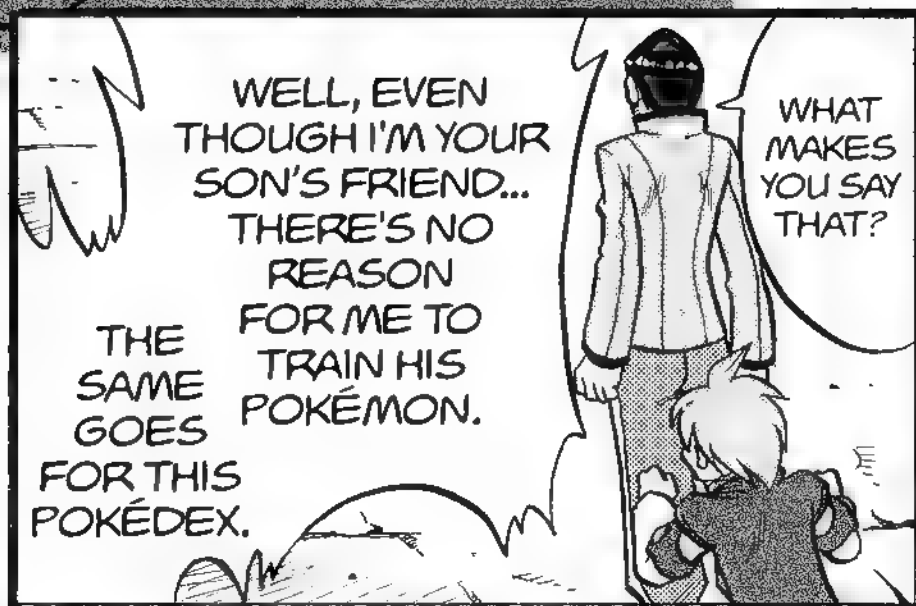
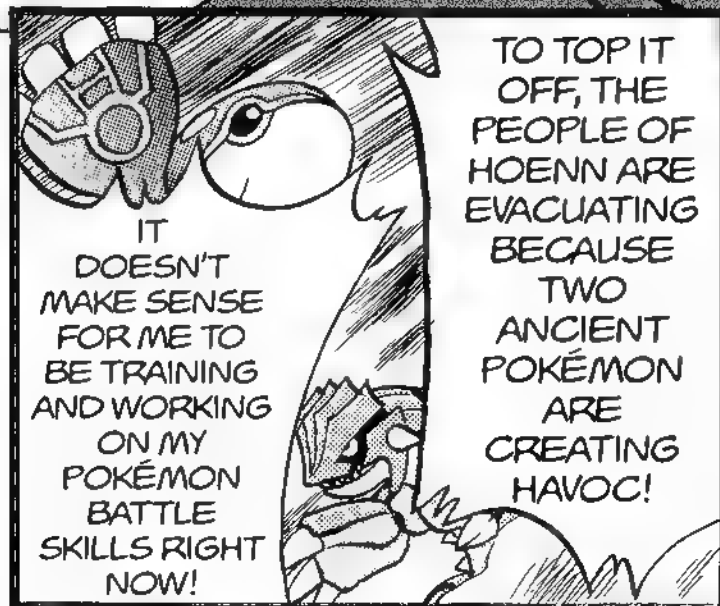
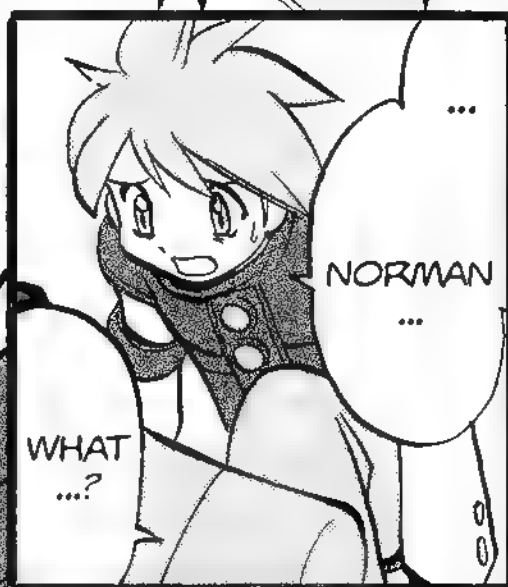
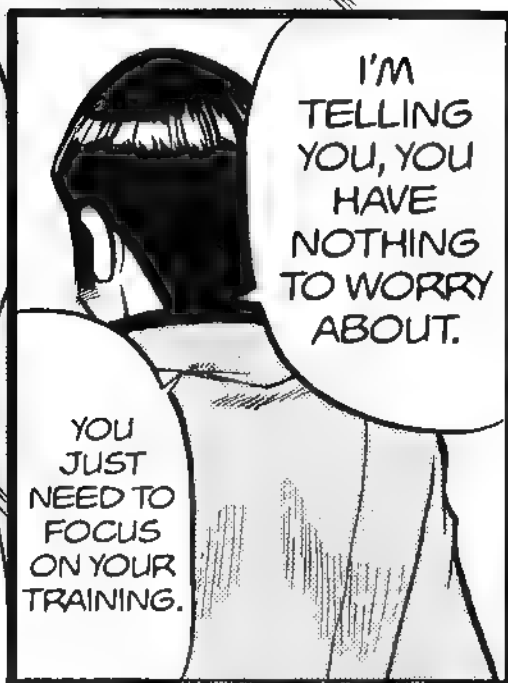
DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
IT.

HEH.

...AND NOW
I'VE EVOLVED
IT INTO
A KIRLIA
DURING THIS
TRAINING!



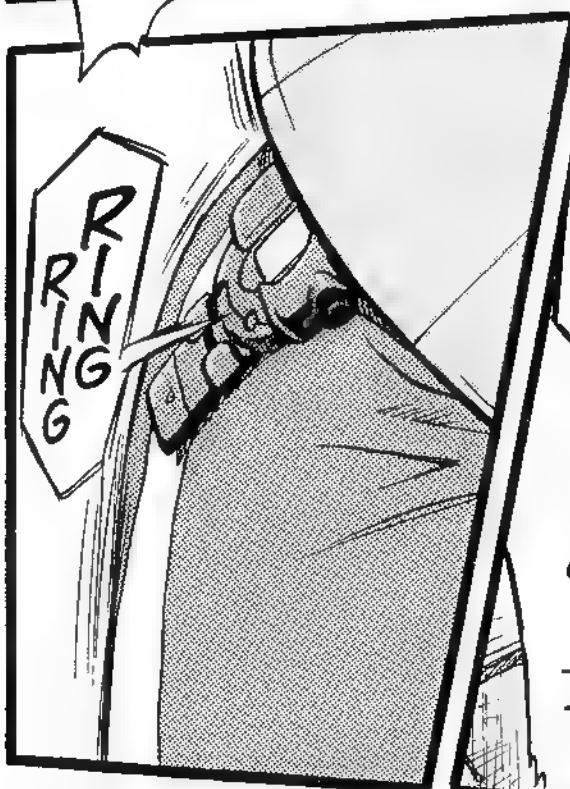
I
BORROWED
RARA FROM
RUBY...





A REASON... TO KEEP ME HERE!

SO THERE MUST BE SOME REASON BEHIND THIS!





YEAH, THOUGHT SO. THE HOENN REGION IS IN CHAOS THANKS TO THAT BATTLE BETWEEN KYOGRE AND GROUDON.

THE ENERGY BALANCE OF THE NATURAL WORLD IS STARTING TO FALL APART. THE SKY PILLAR IS NO EXCEPTION.



I CALLED YOU 'CAUSE THAT OLD GUY TOLD ME YOU WERE EXPECTING MY CALL.

YOU DON'T SOUND TOO PLEASED TO HEAR FROM ME.



CAN'T YOU TELL FROM THE SOUND OF MY VOICE?

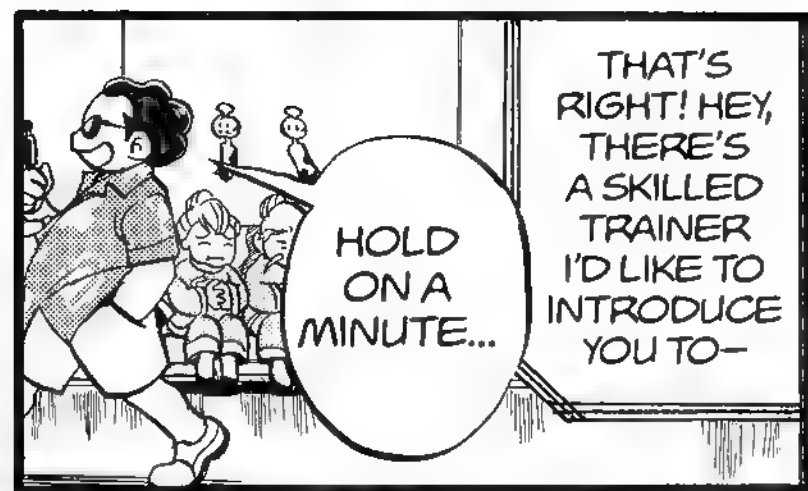
HOW'S IT GOING? YOU'RE AT THE SKY PILLAR, RIGHT?



WE CAN TALK ABOUT THAT SOME OTHER TIME. THERE'S SOMETHING I NEED TO TELL YOU RIGHT AWAY. I'VE BEEN DOING SOME RESEARCH AT THE POKÉMON ASSOCIATION HEADQUARTERS...

ABOUT WHAT?

Who's that? Don't know.

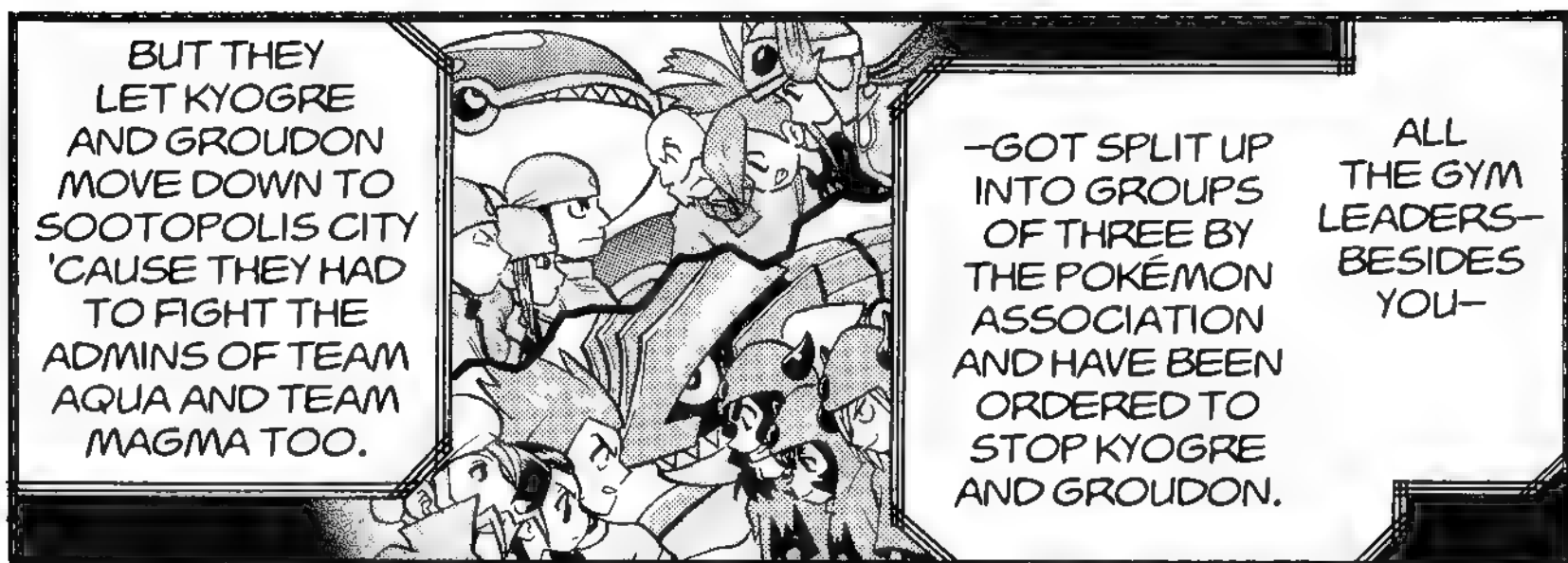


HOLD ON A MINUTE...

THAT'S RIGHT! HEY, THERE'S A SKILLED TRAINER I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE YOU TO—



WHAT ELSE? THE NATURAL DISASTER THAT'S HIT US!



BUT THEY
LET KYOGRE
AND GROUDON
MOVE DOWN TO
SOOTOPOLIS CITY
'CAUSE THEY HAD
TO FIGHT THE
ADMINS OF TEAM
AQUA AND TEAM
MAGMA TOO.

-GOT SPLIT UP
INTO GROUPS
OF THREE BY
THE POKÉMON
ASSOCIATION
AND HAVE BEEN
ORDERED TO
STOP KYOGRE
AND GROUDON.

ALL
THE GYM
LEADERS—
BESIDES
YOU—



AND
GUESS
WHO
THOSE
TWO
ARE?

AND THAT'S
NOT ALL! THEY
SAY OUR ONLY
HOPE LIES
IN "TWO NEW
TRAINERS"
WHO WERE
CHOSEN BY
THE ORBS.

TURNS OUT,
EVEN THE
TEAM AQUA
AND TEAM
MAGMA
BOSSES
AREN'T ABLE
TO CONTROL
THE
LEGENDARIES.



WHAT I'M
TRYING
TO SAY IS...
GET
MOVING,
NORMAN!

BUT THEY'RE
UP AGAINST A
FORMIDABLE
FOE! I DON'T
THINK THINGS
ARE GONNA
GO DOWN
ACCORDING
TO PLAN.



HURRY
UP AND
AWAKEN

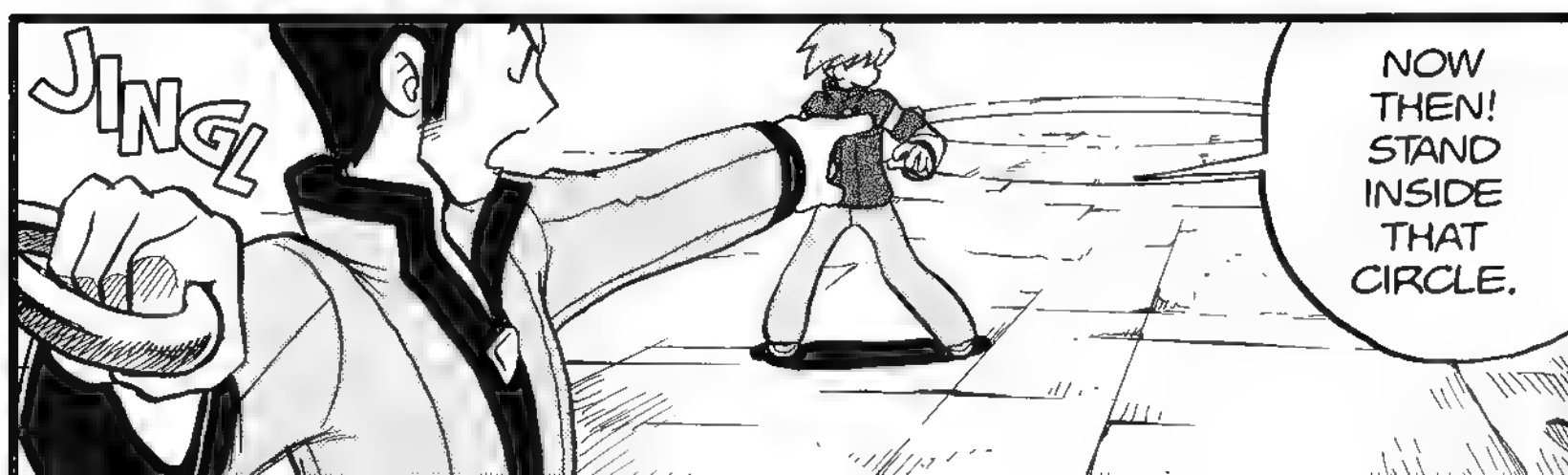
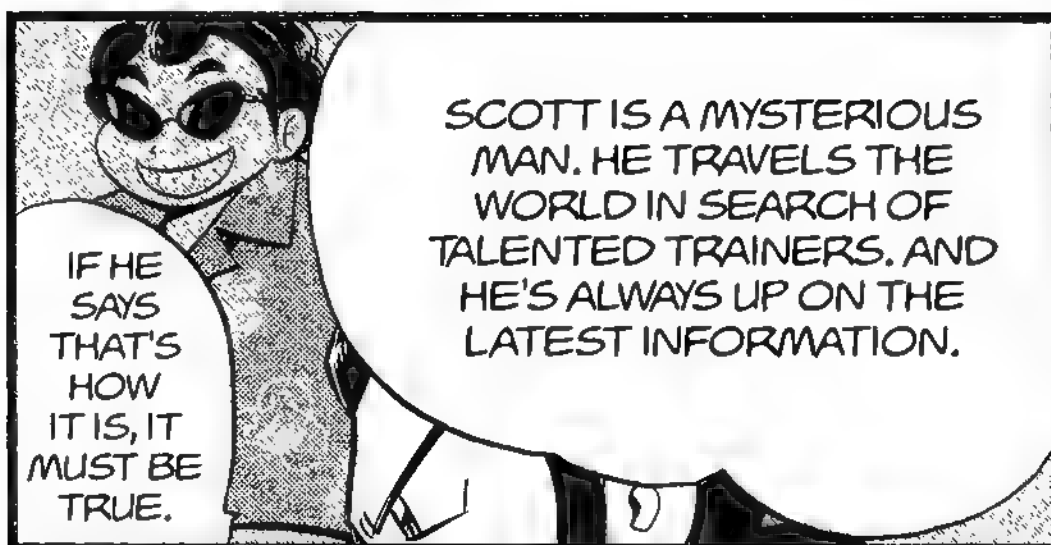
...THE
THIRD
ANCIENT
POKÉ-
MON!

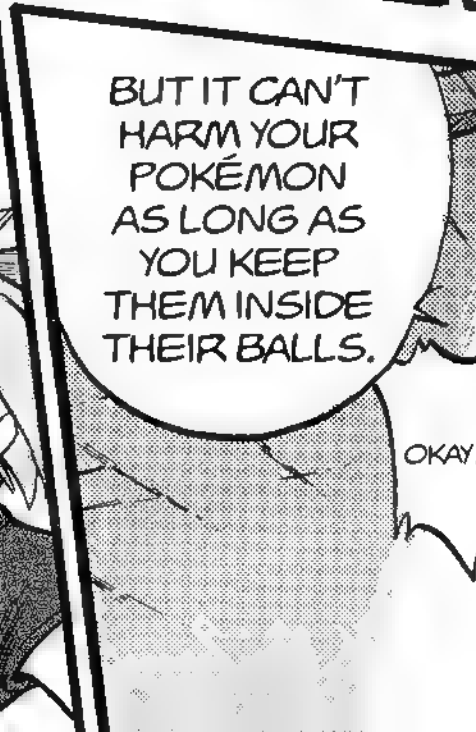
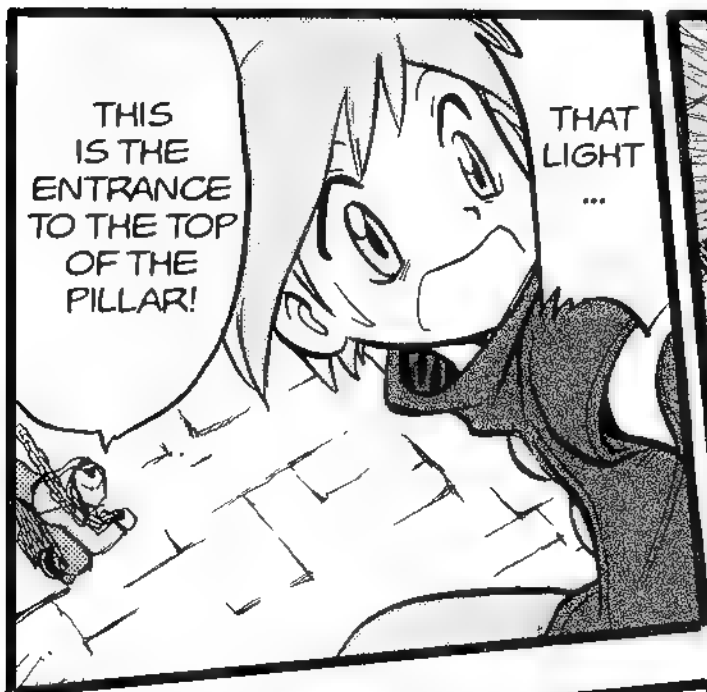
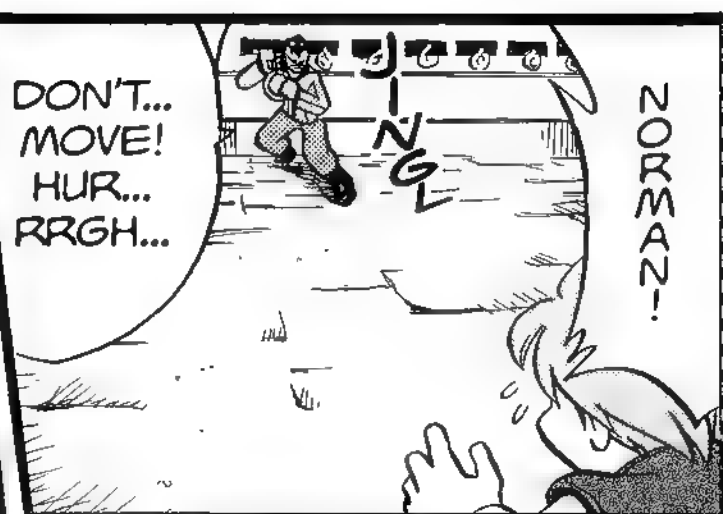
LATER!

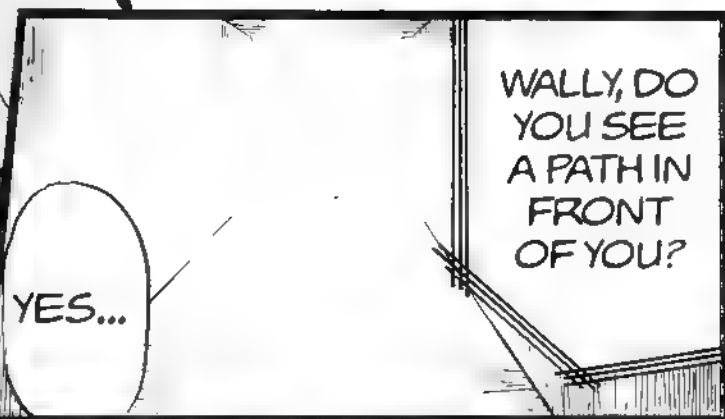


...AND
YOUR
SON,
RUBY!

BIRCH'S
DAUGHTER,
SAPPHIRE...









WAIT, DO
YOU MEAN...
I'M ON MY
OWN FROM
HERE ON?

DON'T
WORRY.



YOU'VE
TRAINED
WELL.

YOU MIGHT
NOT KNOW IT
YET, BUT YOU'VE
GAINED THE
STRENGTH YOU
NEED FOR THIS.

WE'RE
GOING TO
AWAKEN
THE THIRD
ANCIENT
POKÉMON
?

YOU
AND
ME...?

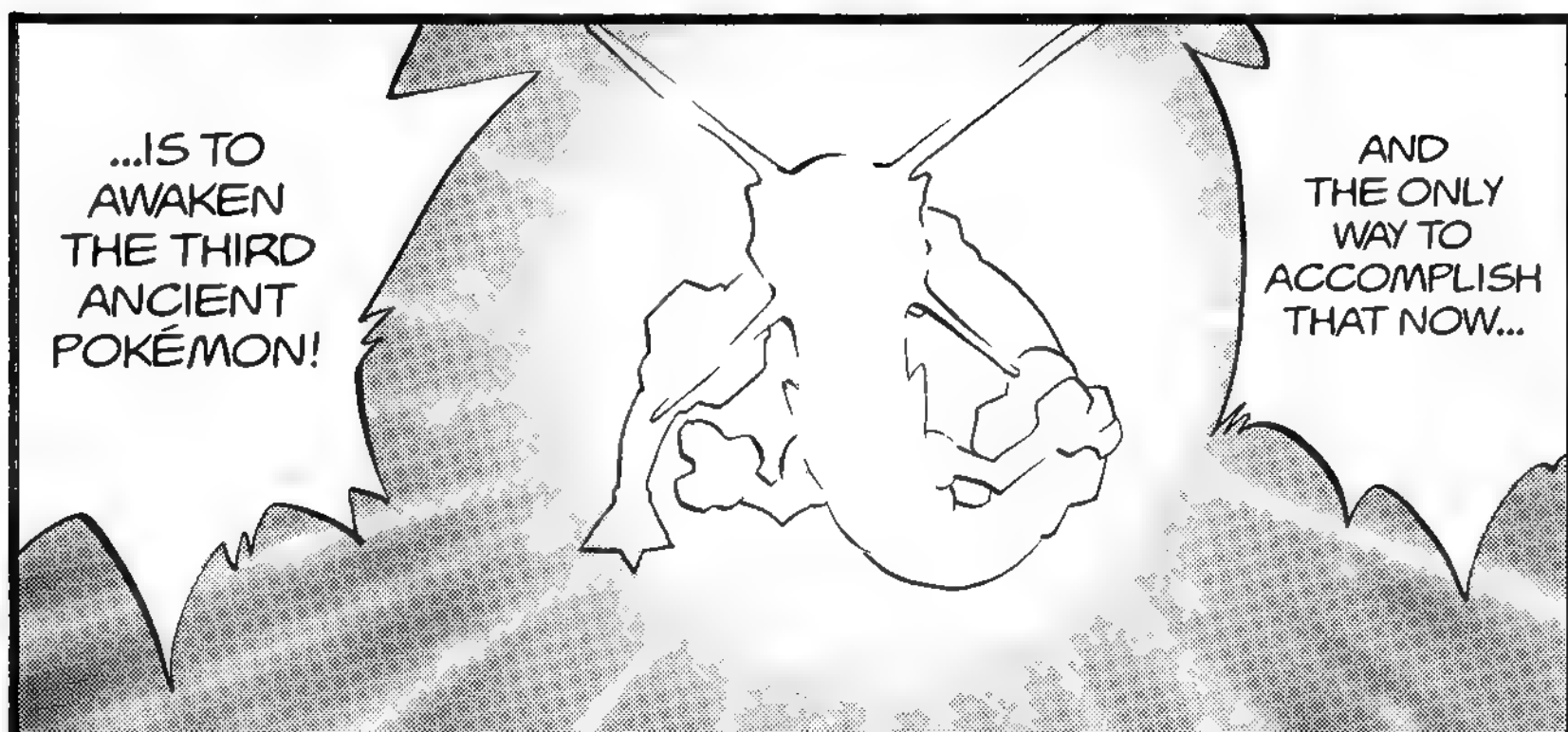


...THE
DAMAGE
WILL
SPREAD
TO OTHER
REGIONS!

IF WE
CAN'T
STOP THIS
BATTLE
HERE...

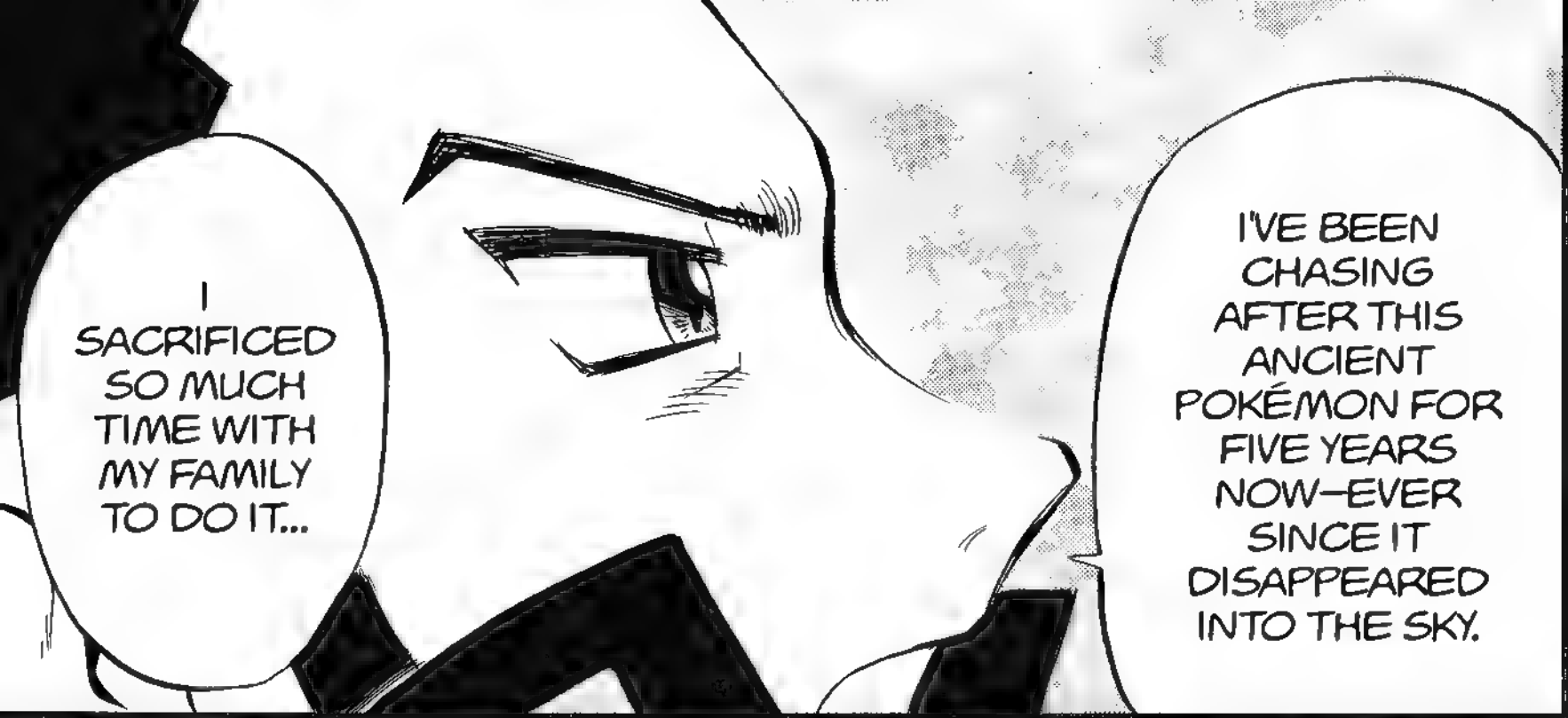


THE HOENN
REGION IS ON
THE VERGE OF
DESTRUCTION.



...IS TO
AWAKEN
THE THIRD
ANCIENT
POKÉMON!

AND
THE ONLY
WAY TO
ACCOMPLISH
THAT NOW...



I
SACRIFICED
SO MUCH
TIME WITH
MY FAMILY
TO DO IT...

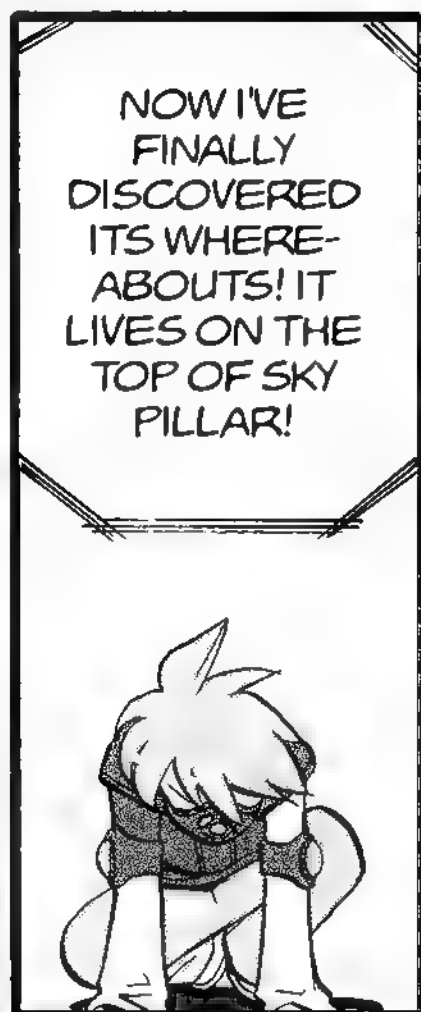
I'VE BEEN
CHASING
AFTER THIS
ANCIENT
POKÉMON FOR
FIVE YEARS
NOW—EVER
SINCE IT
DISAPPEARED
INTO THE SKY.



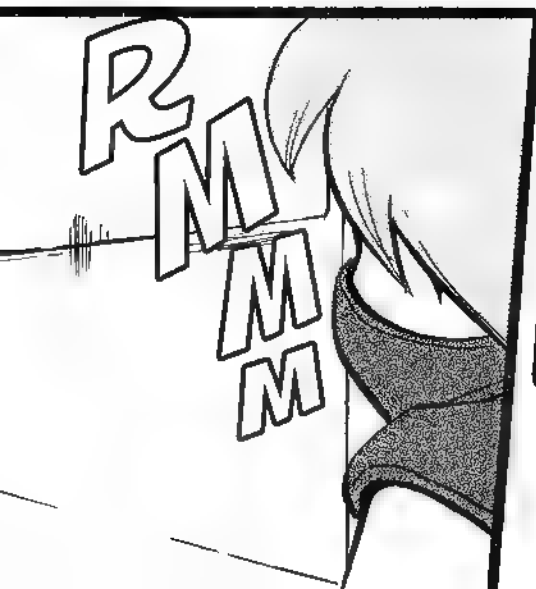
OKAY!



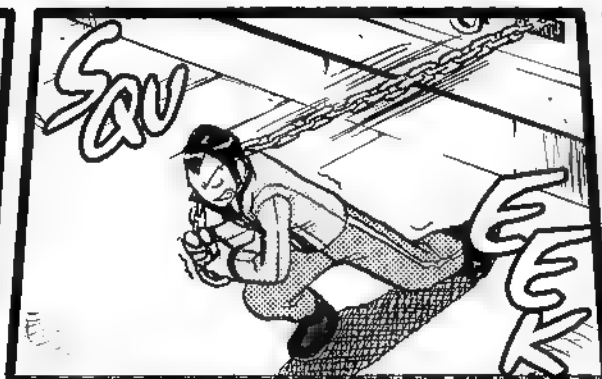
WALLY, I
NEED YOUR
HELP TO
CATCH IT!
KEEP
FORGING
ON AHEAD!



NOW I'VE
FINALLY
DISCOVERED
ITS WHERE-
ABOUTS! IT
LIVES ON THE
TOP OF SKY
PILLAR!



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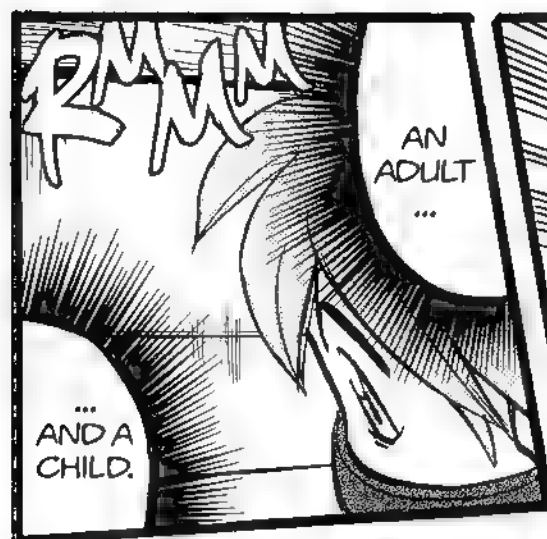
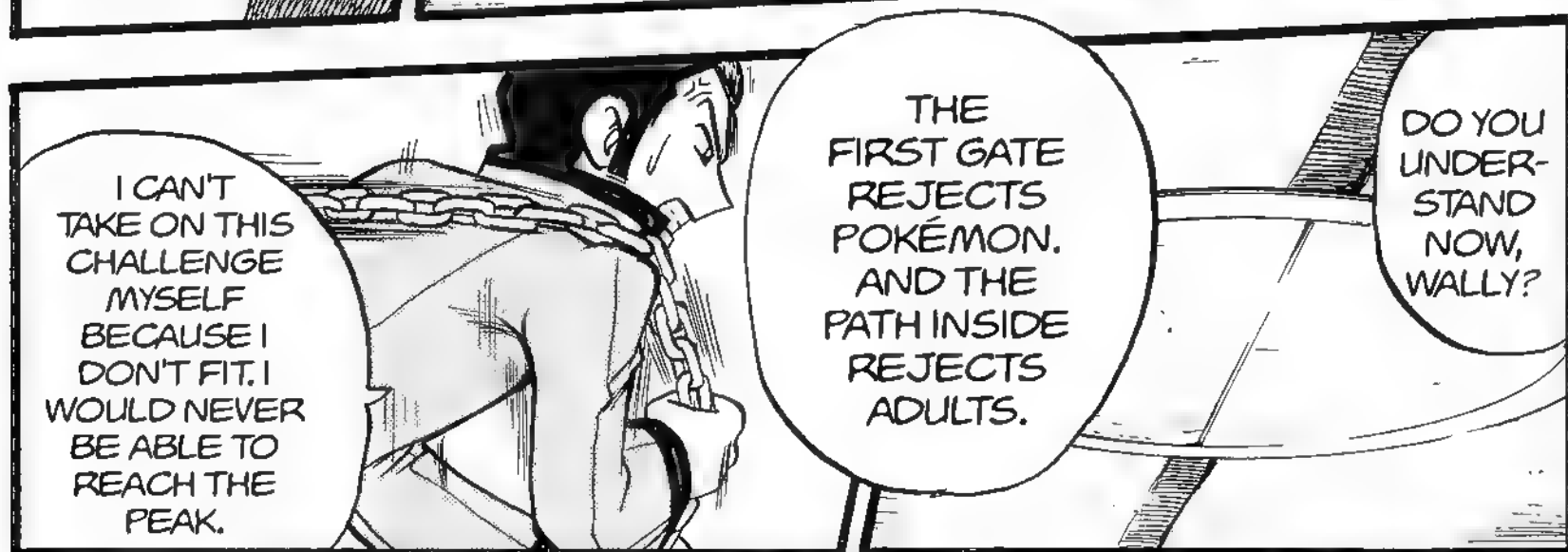
SQU

EKK



HOLD
ON...

NORMAN,
IT'S A
DEAD-
END!





ZZTZZT

YOU SEE IT?
RAYQUAZA,
THE SKY
HIGH
POKÉMON
?

NORMAN!
IT'S
HERE!

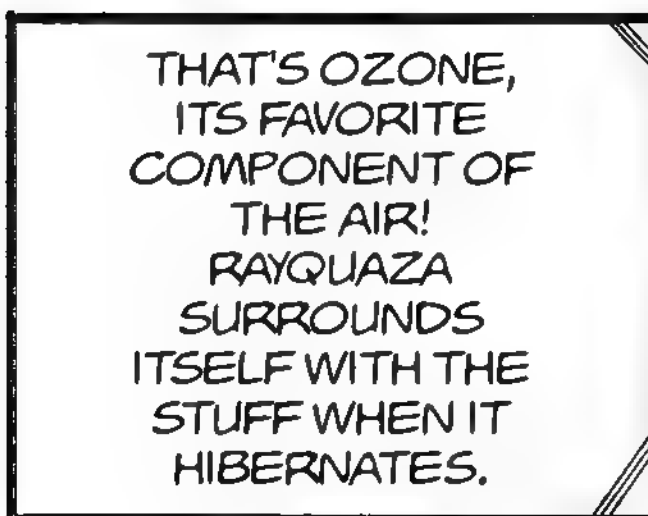


HOW
AM I
SUP-
POSED
TO
AWAKEN
IT?



YES!

NORMAN!
I CAN CALL
OUT MY
POKÉMON
NOW, CAN'T
I?



THAT'S OZONE,
ITS FAVORITE
COMPONENT OF
THE AIR!
RAYQUAZA
SURROUNDS
ITSELF WITH THE
STUFF WHEN IT
HIBERNATES.



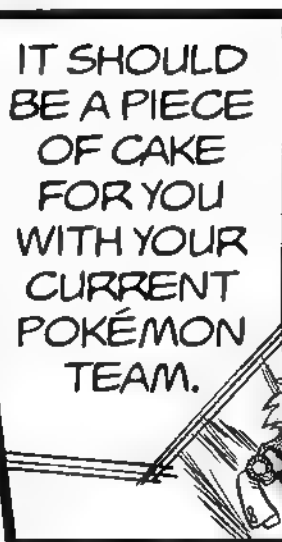
I
DO!

DO YOU
SEE A
FOG SUR-
ROUNDING
RAYQUAZA?



KEEP
YOUR
RESPI-
RATION
MASK
ON!

BE CAREFUL,
THOUGH! THAT
OZONE IS
POISONOUS!
IF YOU INHALE
TOO MUCH OF
IT, IT COULD
HURT YOU!



IT SHOULD
BE A PIECE
OF CAKE
FOR YOU
WITH YOUR
CURRENT
POKÉMON
TEAM.



SMASH

YOU DON'T
HAVE TO
DIRECTLY
ATTACK
RAYQUAZA! ALL
YOU NEED TO
DO IS CREATE
A HOLE IN THE
OZONE!



AN ADULT...
AND A CHILD.
THIS MISSION
CAN ONLY BE
COMPLETED
BY THAT
COMBINATION!

HEY,
NORMAN...
YOU WERE
ORIGI-
NALLY
PLANNING
TO...

...WITH
YOUR
SON,
RUBY,
WEREN'T
YOU?

...DO
THIS...

OKAY,
HERE
GOES!

--ZOU--PDP--

I DON'T
CARE THAT
I'M ONLY A
SUBSTITUTE
FOR RUBY
THOUGH...

SMASH

--PDP--

BUT NOW I
CAN FINALLY BE
USEFUL! I CAN
HELP STOP THE
BATTLE THAT'S
TEARING HOENN
APART!

I NEVER USED TO
BE ABLE TO PLAY
OUTSIDE. I DIDN'T
EVEN HAVE MY
OWN POKÉMON.

BULLET
SEED!

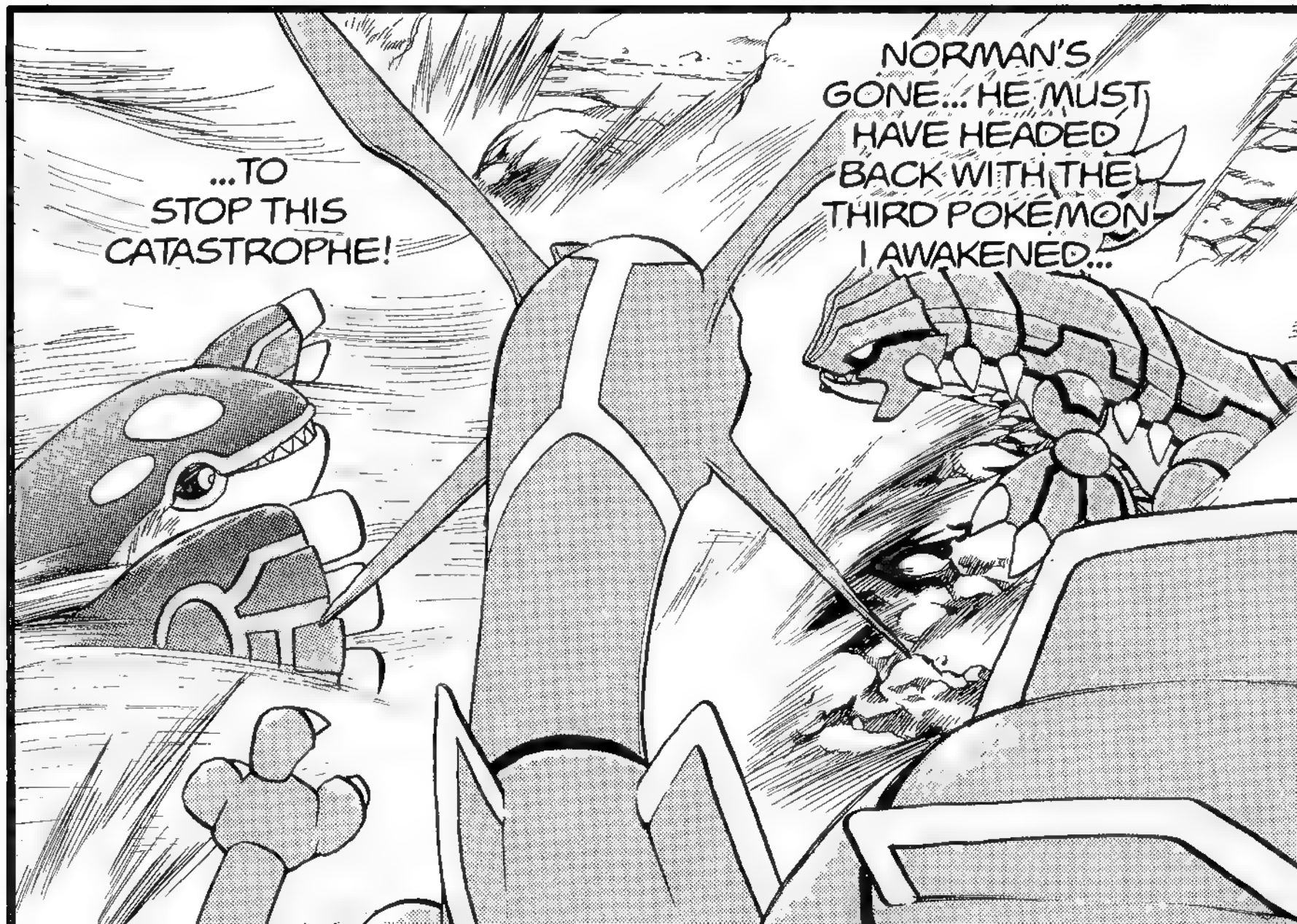
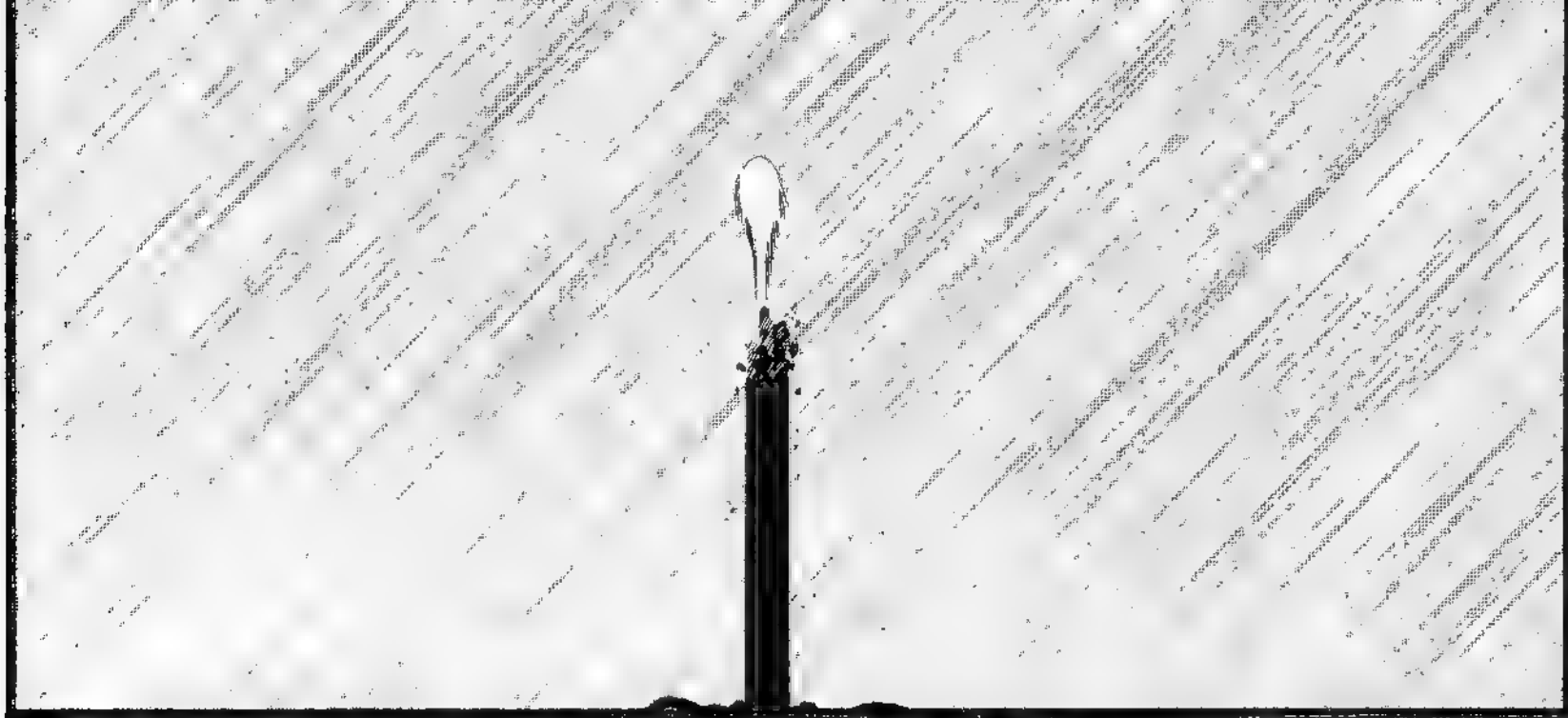
BREAK
A HOLE
IN THAT
OZONE!

PEFT

—MY COUSIN—

SHUFFLE





POKEBALL NEXT VOLUME! POKEBALL



W-WHAT ARE YOU THINKING...

... RUBY ?!



HE LOCKED SAPPHIRE INSIDE MY AIR CAR...

...AND HE'S FIGHTING SIDE BY SIDE WITH THAT TEAM MAGMA ADMIN!



WHY DID RUBY PART WAYS WITH SAPPHIRE AND CHOOSE TO FIGHT BESIDE COURTNEY?!



MEANWHILE, YOUR JOB IS TO FIND THE POKÉMON YOU ALLOWED TO ESCAPE!

I'M BANNING YOU FROM TAKING PART IN GYM LEADER TRYOUTS FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

IT'S MY FAULT.



I'M SORRY... PLEASE FORGIVE ME.

I WON'T BE ABLE TO... SPEND MUCH TIME WITH THE FAMILY FOR A WHILE...

NORMAN'S BURDEN...



THE END OF THE 4TH ARC!

PLUS...

**THE FEROCIOUS BATTLE OF
THE THREE ANCIENT POKEMON!**

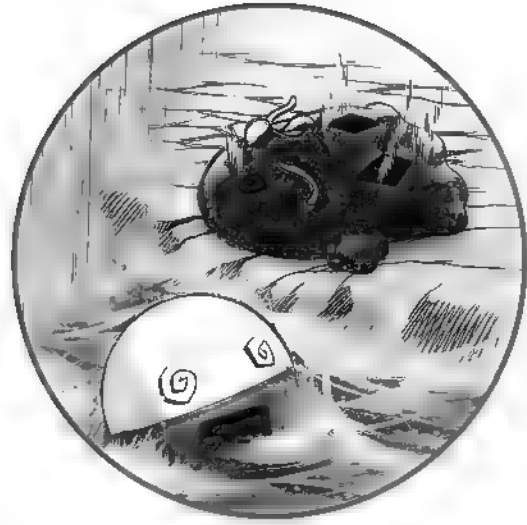
**AND THE
END OF...**

...A ROMANCE?!

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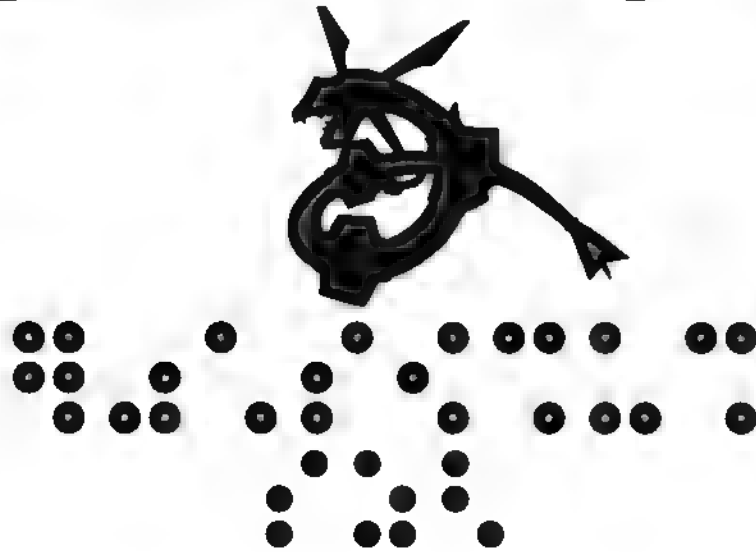
Message from Hidenori Kusaka

The Ruby/Sapphire story arc will be completed in the next two volumes, vols. 21 and 22. Since it's the end of this story, I had Satoshi Yamamoto draw an illustration of Sapphire's complete team for the cover of vol. 21 and Ruby's complete team for the cover of vol. 22. Also, these two illustrations are drawn as a pair and connect at the top! Put the covers of the two volumes together and see for yourselves. This is the climax of the adventure set in the Hoenn region... I hope you enjoy finding out how our heroes fulfill their destiny!

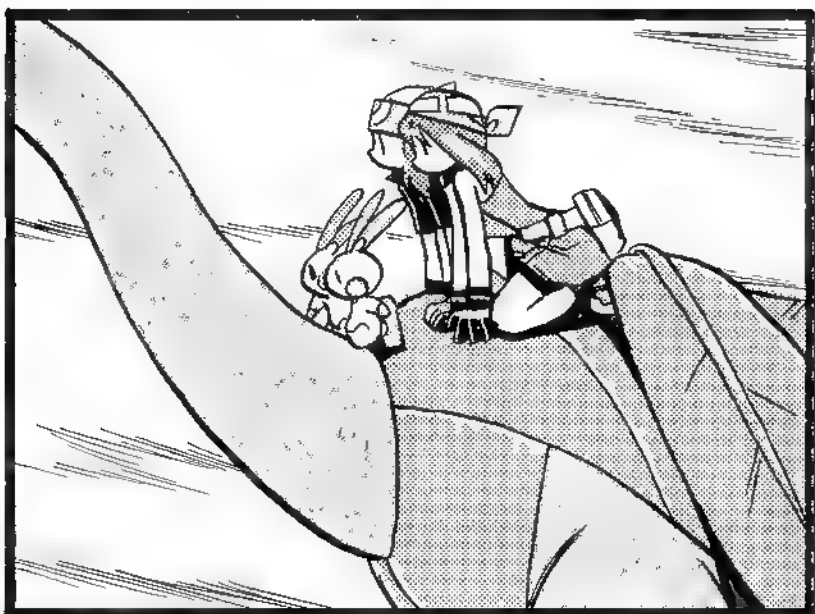
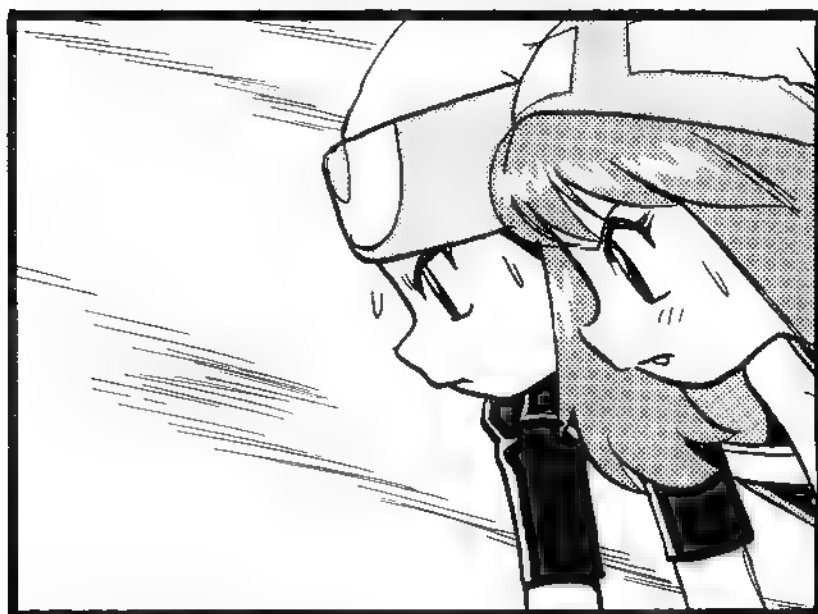
Message from Satoshi Yamamoto

Sorry to keep you waiting!! I now bring you...vol. 21! The story is building up to the climax. This volume is filled with all sorts of major events, such as the appearance of the Elite Four and the Legendary Pokémon. It's packed with even more excitement than the last volume! Also, you'll learn about Ruby and Sapphire's past. I drew the scenes with passion in hopes of knocking your socks off, so please be careful not to get motion sickness as you read the scenes. (LOL)

● Chapter 259 ●
Rayquaza Redemption II



The Fourth Chapter



PIRIRI RING
RIRI RING



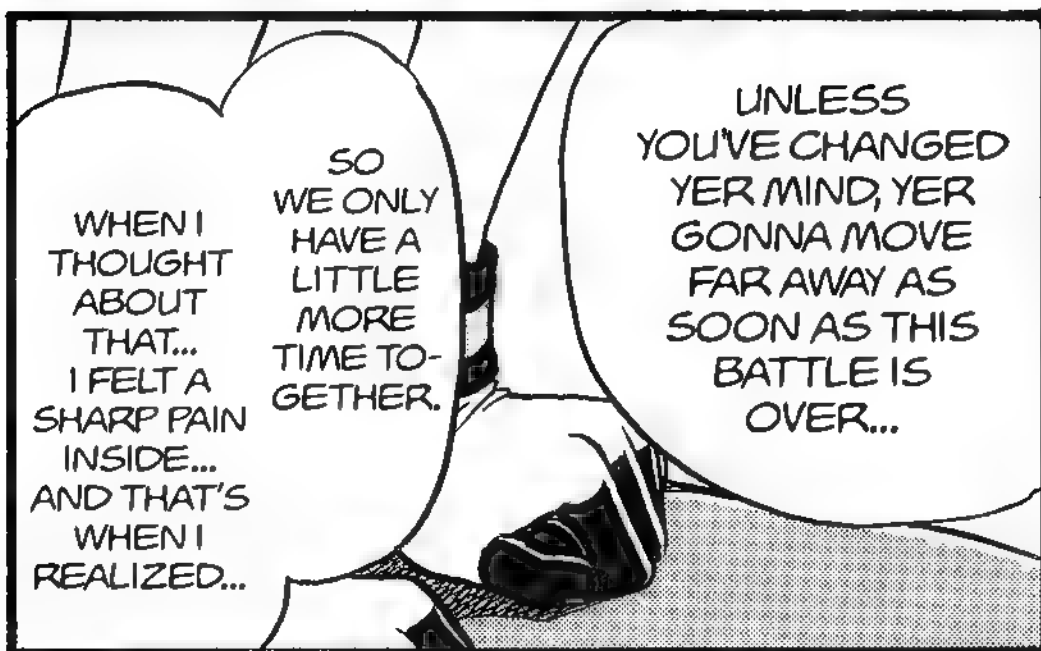
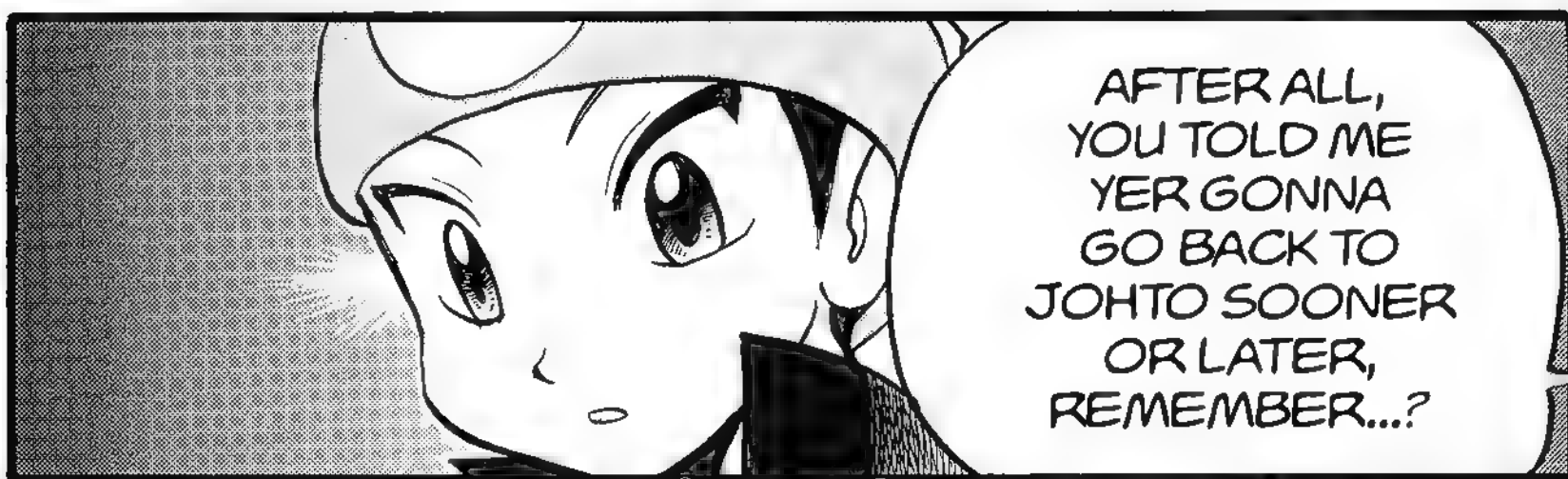
WE CAN
MONITOR ANY
THREATS THAT
MIGHT BLOCK
YOUR PATH
FROM THE
ISLAND. WE'LL
CONTACT YOU
IF SOMETHING
GETS IN YOUR
WAY.

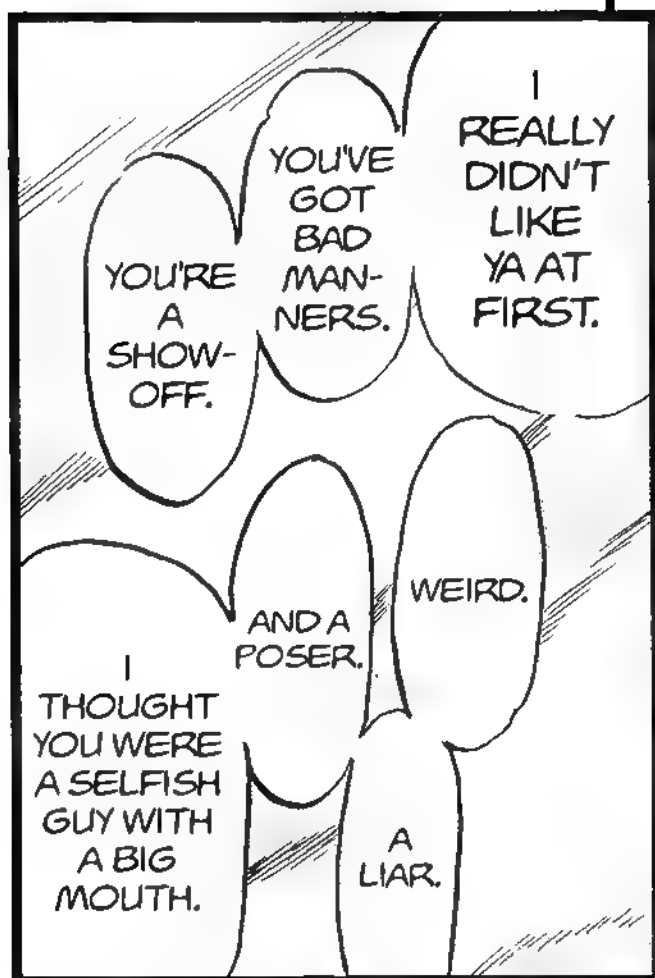
YOU SHOULD BE
ALL RIGHT FOR
A WHILE...BUT BE
CAREFUL NOT TO
FALL INTO THE
CRACK OF TIME.

?!
DIDN'T
YOU
LEAVE
THE
ISLAND
TOO,
GRAND
MASTER?!



RUBY, IT'S
ME! IT
LOOKS
LIKE YOU
MANAGED
TO
DEPART
ON TIME.





YOU'RE
A
SHOW-
OFF.

YOU'VE
GOT
BAD
MAN-
NERS.

I
REALLY
DIDN'T
LIKE
YA AT
FIRST.

I
THOUGHT
YOU WERE
A SELFISH
GUY WITH
A BIG
MOUTH.

AND A
POSER.

WEIRD.

A
LIAR.

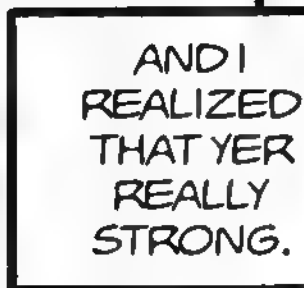


...I'VE
GOT...

...A
CRUSH
ON THIS
GUY...
ON YOU,
RUBY...



...



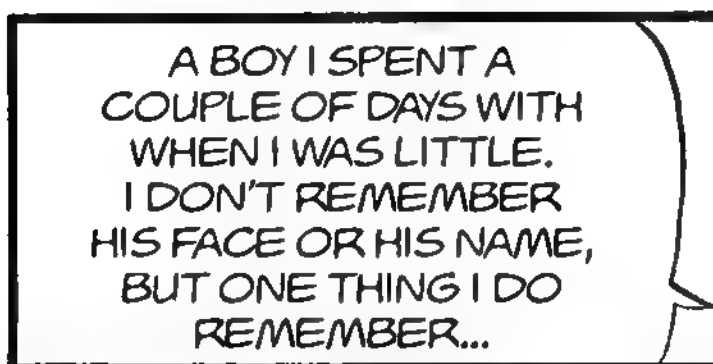
AND I
REALIZED
THAT YER
REALLY
STRONG.



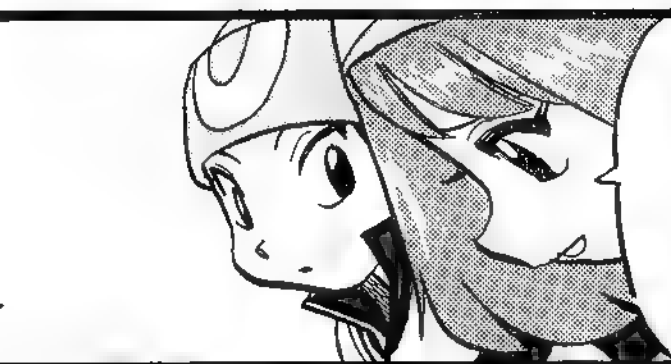
MAYBE
I WAS
A BIT
ROUGH?

I STARTED
TO SEE YOUR
GOOD SIDE...
LIKE WHEN
WE FOUGHT
TOGETHER.

BUT
AFTER A
WHILE...



A BOY I SPENT A
COUPLE OF DAYS WITH
WHEN I WAS LITTLE.
I DON'T REMEMBER
HIS FACE OR HIS NAME,
BUT ONE THING I DO
REMEMBER...



TO TELL
THE
TRUTH...
THERE'S
SOMEONE
ELSE...



...AND GOT A
BIG WOUND
ON HIS HEAD
DOIN' IT!

...IS
THAT HE
PROTECTED
ME FROM A
SALAMENCE...



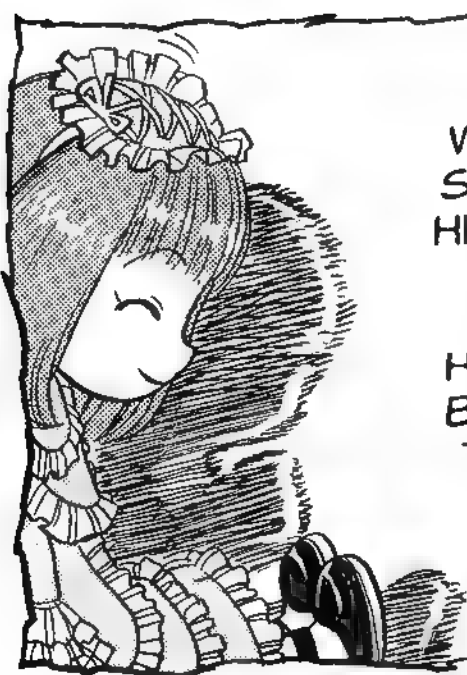
IT'S
'CAUSE OF
HIM THAT
I'VE GOTTEN
TO BE SUCH
A STRONG
TRAINER.

I HAD A
CRUSH ON
HIM FOR
YEARS AND
YEARS.

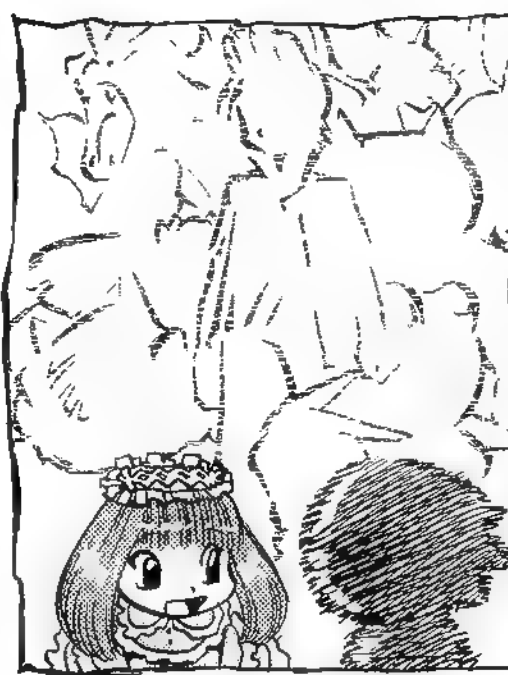


I WAS
TALKIN'
ABOUT
THAT
BOY.

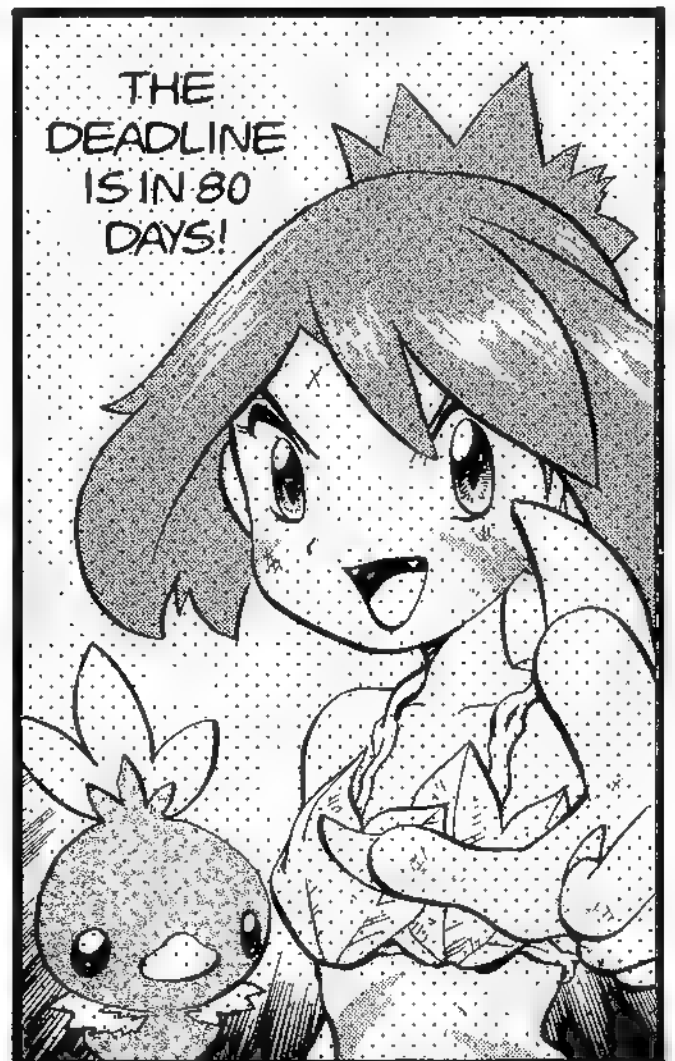
DO YA
REMEMBER
ME TALKIN'
ABOUT THAT
PERSON I
ADMIRER
BACK WHEN
WE WERE IN
FORTREE
CITY?



IF
WE GET AS
STRONG AS
HIM BEFORE
WE TURN
ELEVEN...
HEH... WE'LL
BE BETTER
THAN HIM!



KNOW WHAT?
MY DAD SAYS
THERE'S THIS
AMAZING
TRAINER IN THE
KANTO REGION
WHO WON THE
POKÉMON
LEAGUE WHEN
HE WAS ONLY
ELEVEN YEARS
OLD.





I LIKE HOW
YOU TRY TO
HIDE YER
FEELINGS BY
SHOWIN' OFF.
NOW I KNOW
THAT ON THE
INSIDE YER A
NICE GUY.

I LIKE
WATCHIN'
YOU FIGHT
POKÉMON
BATTLES.

I LIKE
HOW YOU
WON'T
BUDGE
ONCE
YOU'VE
MADE UP
YER MIND.

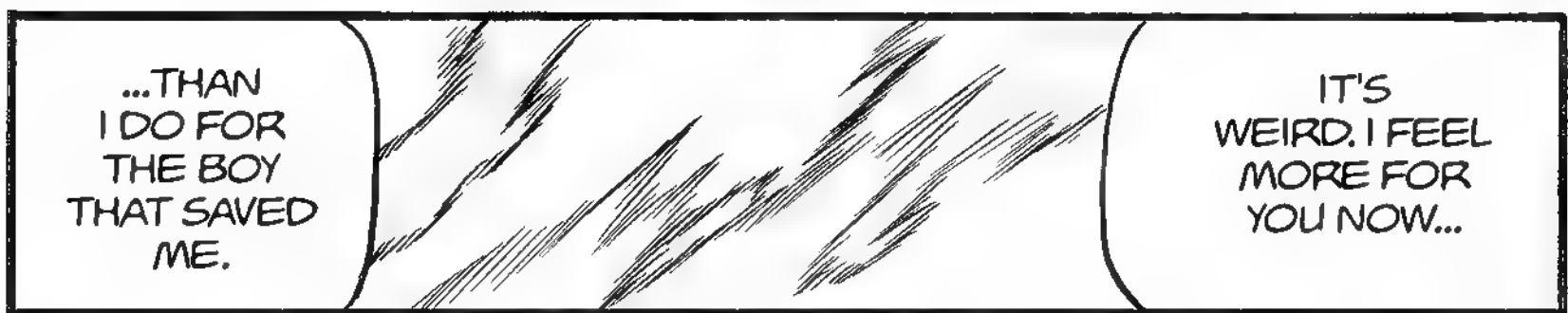
I LIKE
WATCHIN'
YOU BRUSH
YER
POKÉMON.



BUT...
I'M GLAD I
CHALLENGED
YOU TO THIS
BET NOW.

'CAUSE
I GOT
TO...

...SEE
YOUR
GOOD
SIDE.



...THAN
I DO FOR
THE BOY
THAT SAVED
ME.

IT'S
WEIRD. I FEEL
MORE FOR
YOU NOW...



I WANT YA
TO STAY AND
ENJOY THE
BEAUTIFUL
NATURE
OF HOENN
WITH ME.

DON'T GO
ANYWHERE
AFTER THIS
BATTLE!

SO,
WILL
YA?

PLEASE
...?



I
WANT
YOU TO
STAY
HERE.



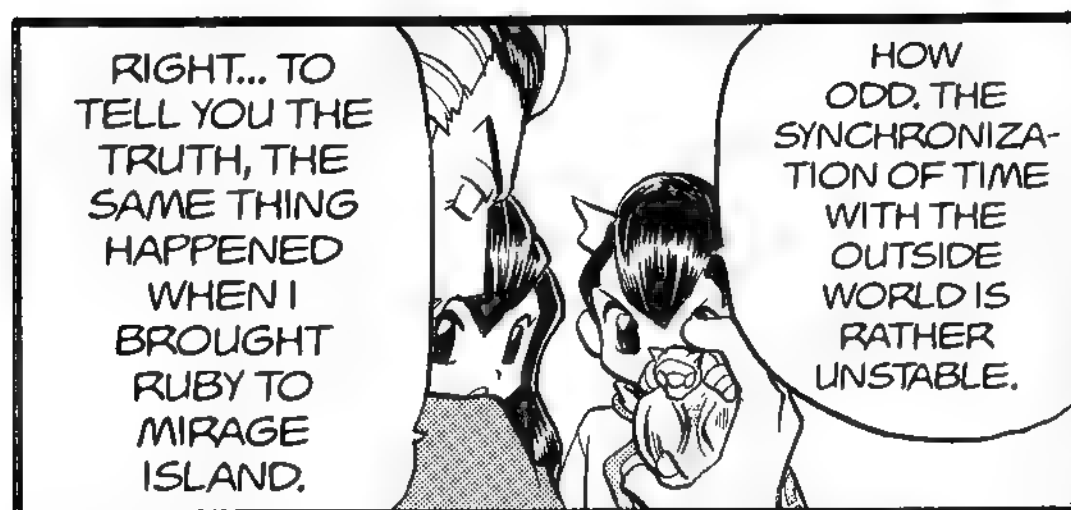
BUT...
I WANT TO
ASK YOU
FOR ONE
MORE
THING...

I'M
GLAD I
GOT A
CHANCE
TO TELL
YA HOW I
FEEL.



LET'S...

...GO
BACK TO
LITTLEROOT
TOWN
TOGETHER.



RIGHT... TO
TELL YOU THE
TRUTH, THE
SAME THING
HAPPENED
WHEN I
BROUGHT
RUBY TO
MIRAGE
ISLAND.

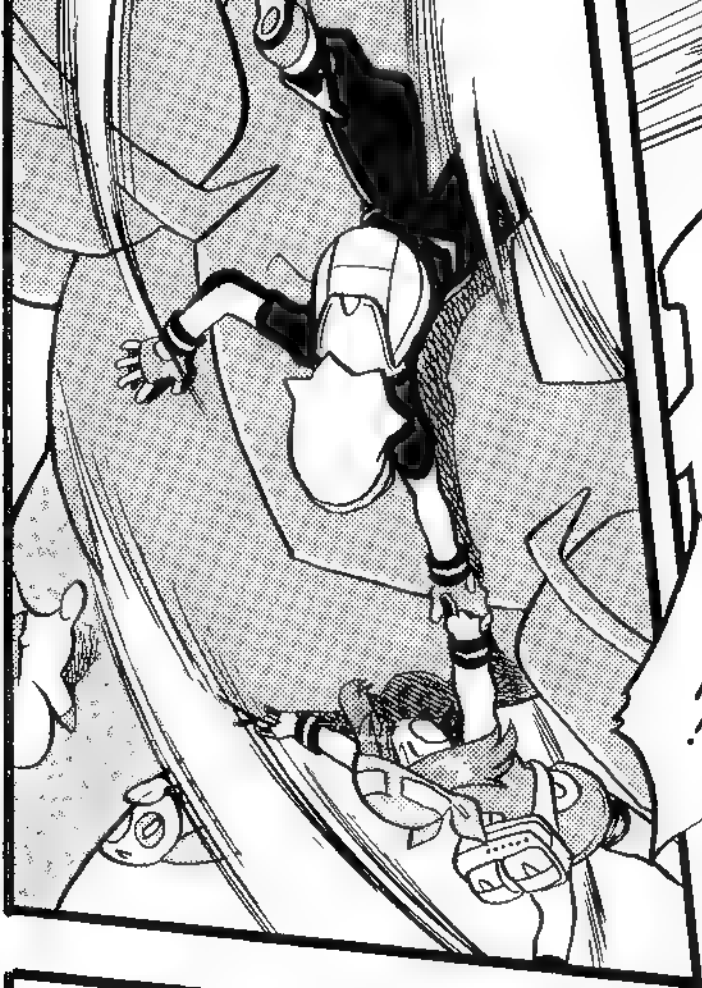
HOW
ODD. THE
SYNCHRONIZA-
TION OF TIME
WITH THE
OUTSIDE
WORLD IS
RATHER
UNSTABLE.



BE CAREFUL,
RUBY! IF YOU
FALL INTO THE
CRACK OF TIME,
YOU WON'T BE
ABLE TO TAKE
PART IN THIS
CRITICAL
BATTLE!

THAT'S
WHY I
DECIDED
TO STAY
BEHIND
AND
NAVIGATE
...

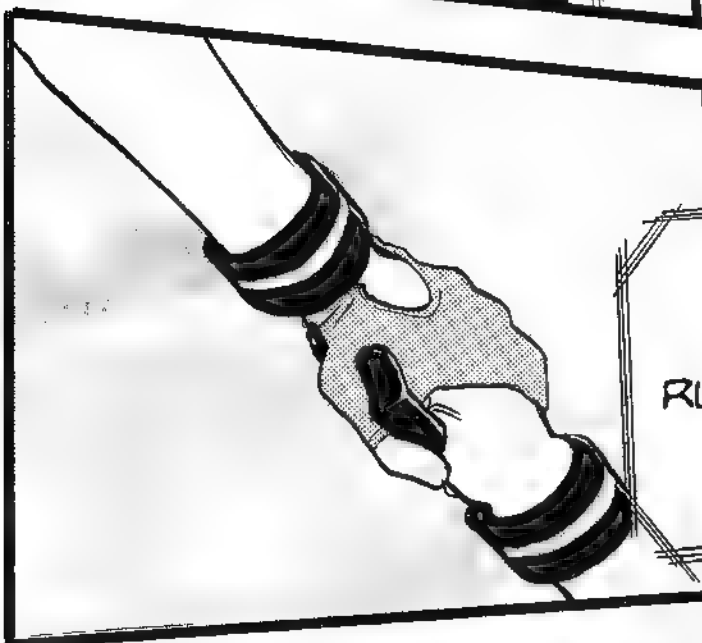




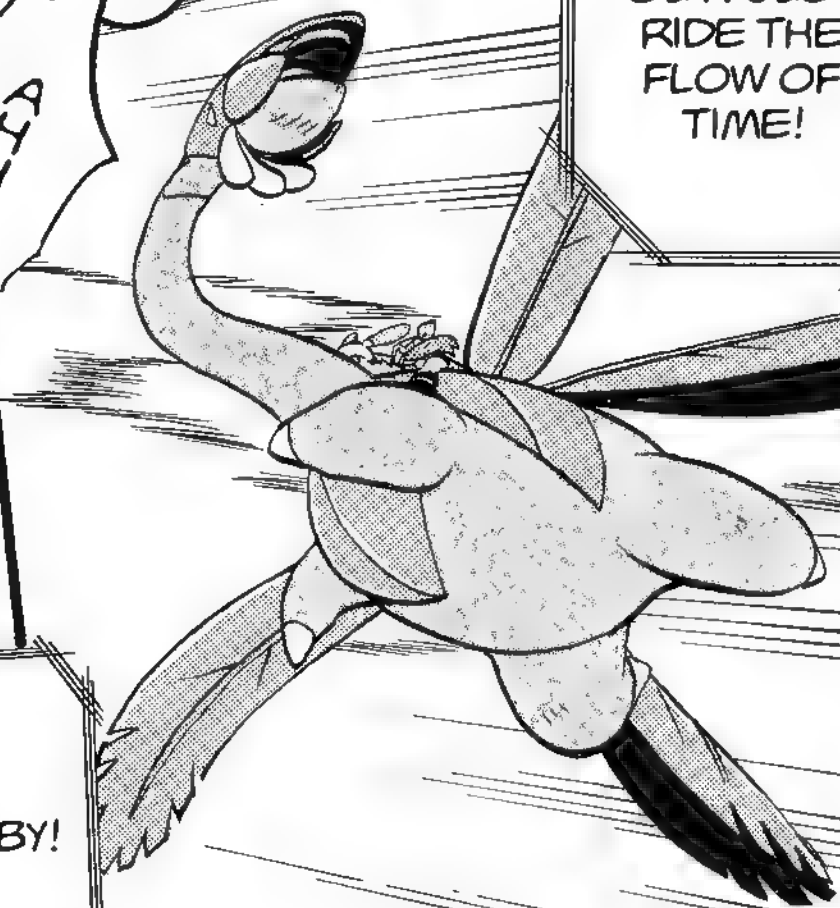
FOOO

SH

DON'T TRY
TO FORCE
YOUR WAY
OUT! JUST
RIDE THE
FLOW OF
TIME!



RUBY!



I
CAN
SEE
IT!

THAT'S
...



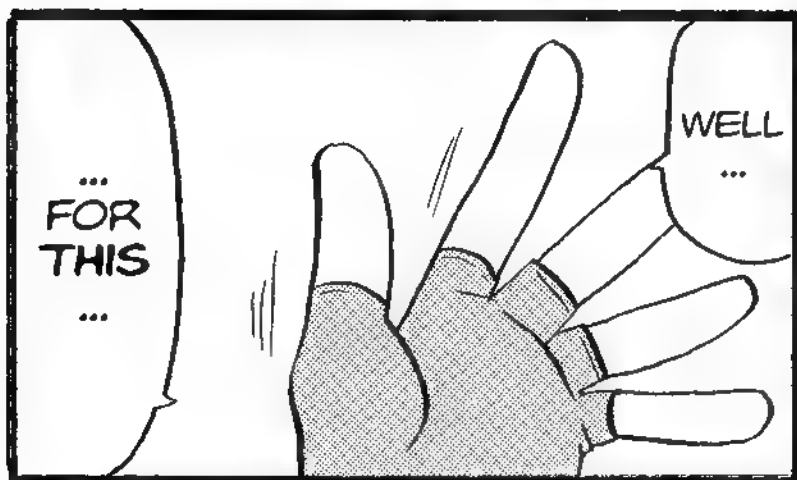
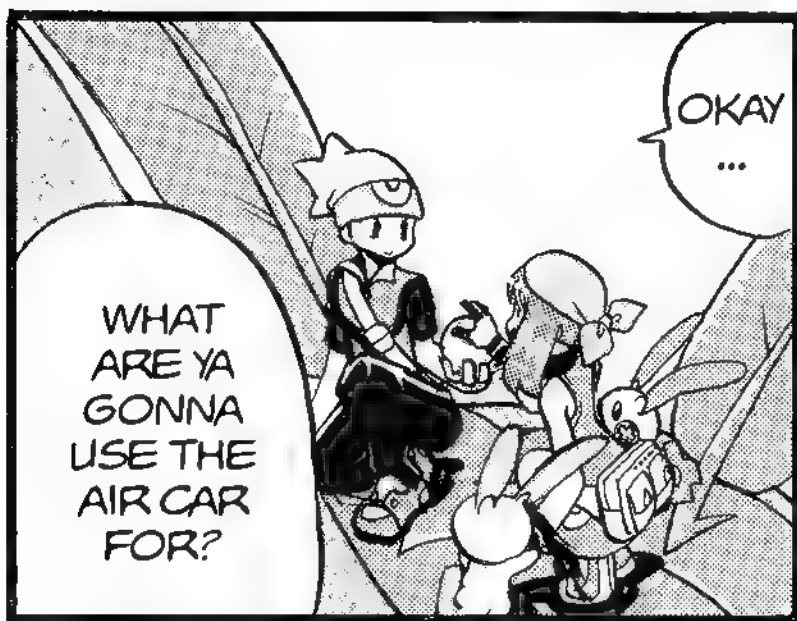
BOOO
OO
AA
RR

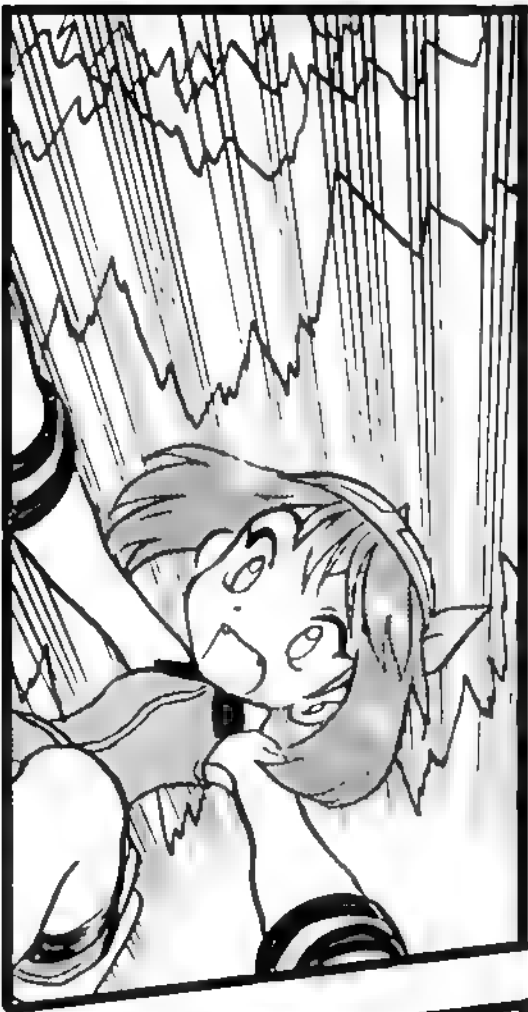
DON'T WORRY,
GRAND MASTER!
WE'RE ALMOST
OUT OF HERE!

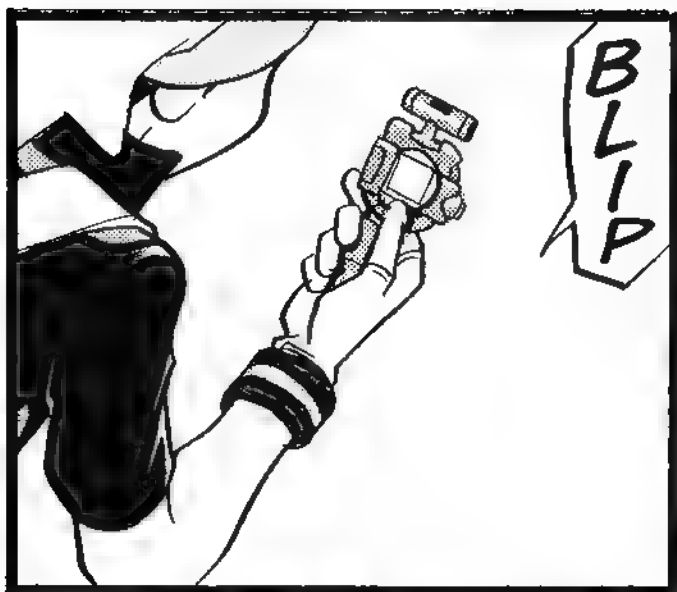


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THANK YOU...

BUT...



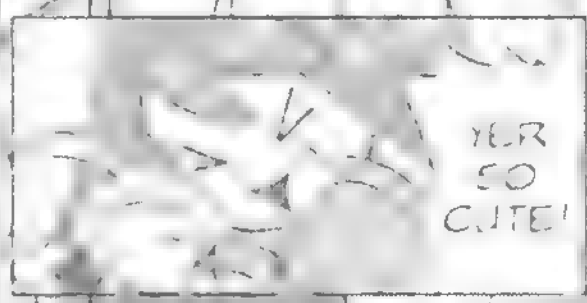


WHY
DO YOU
THINK WE
TRAIN?

IT'S
GONE
JAY KUP
OTHER
AND FLY



TEAMWORK
IS IMPORTANT
WHEN YOU'RE
FIGHTING
A
BIG
BOSS
LIKE
ME



YER
SO
CUTE!



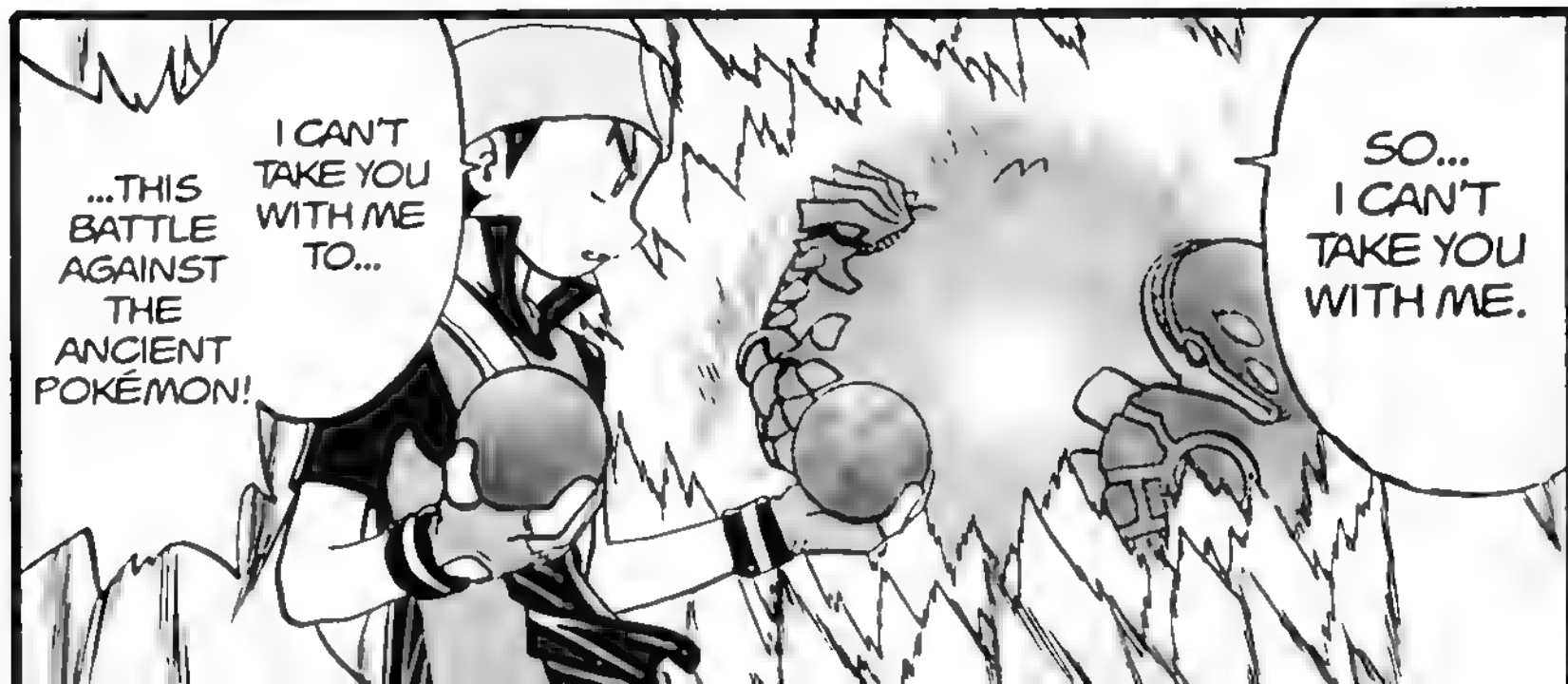
OF
COURSE
I'M A
NORMAL
GIRL!!

...I CAN'T
TAKE YOU
WITH ME.



BECAUSE
YOU'VE
TOLD ME
HOW YOU
FEEL. AND
BECAUSE...





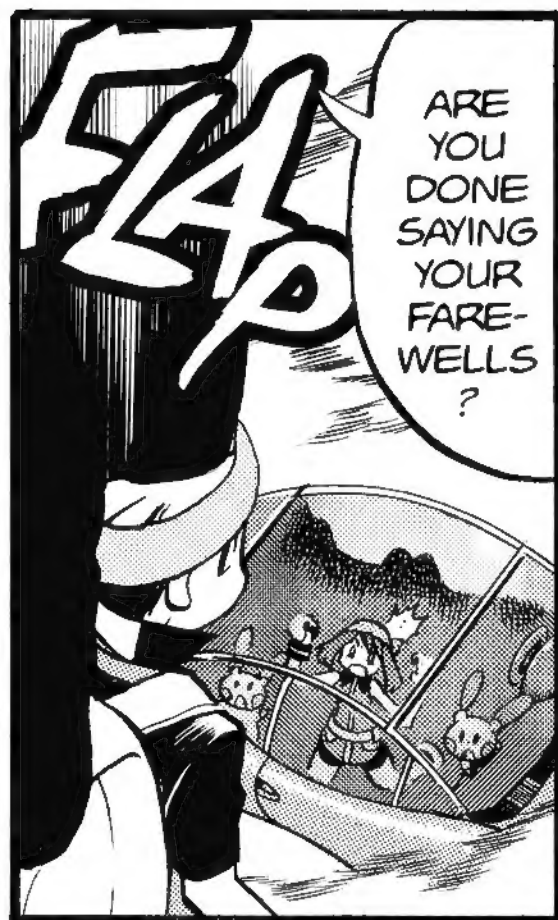


...THE
BOY WHO
SAVED ME
FROM THAT
SALAMENCE!

THAT
SCAR
ON YOUR
FORE-
HEAD...!
RUBY!
YOU'RE...



...
COURTNEY.



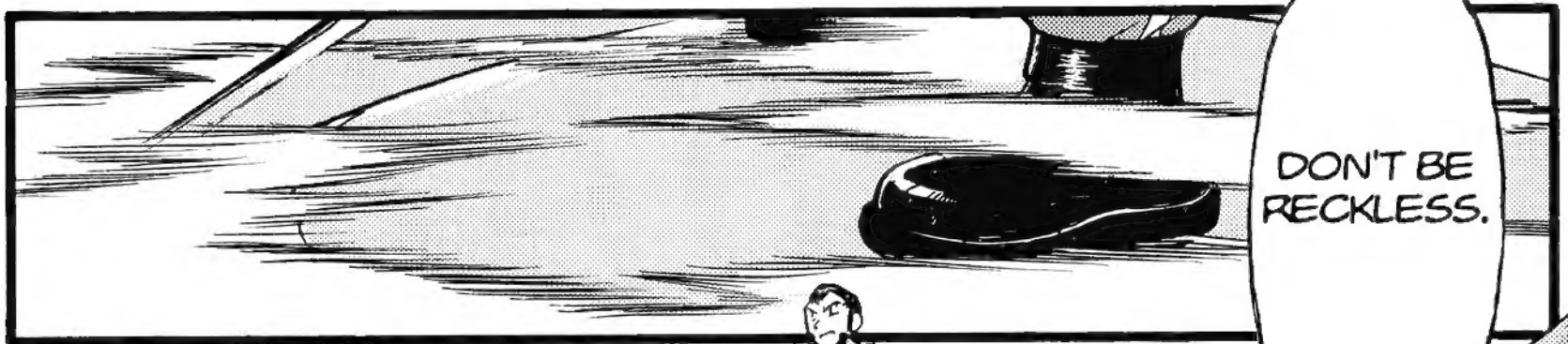
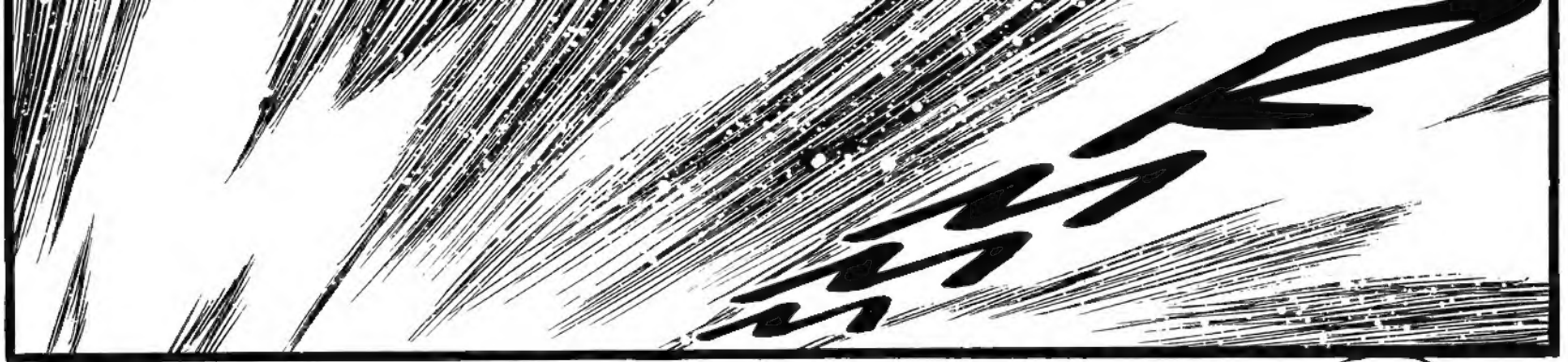
ARE
YOU
DONE
SAYING
YOUR
FARE-
WELLS
?



YES.

LET'S
GO...





DON'T BE
RECKLESS.



DON'T
TAKE ANY
UNNECESSARY
RISKS, RUBY.

3 DAYS LEFT UNTIL THE DEADLINE!

TO BE CONTINUED...

